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DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1978



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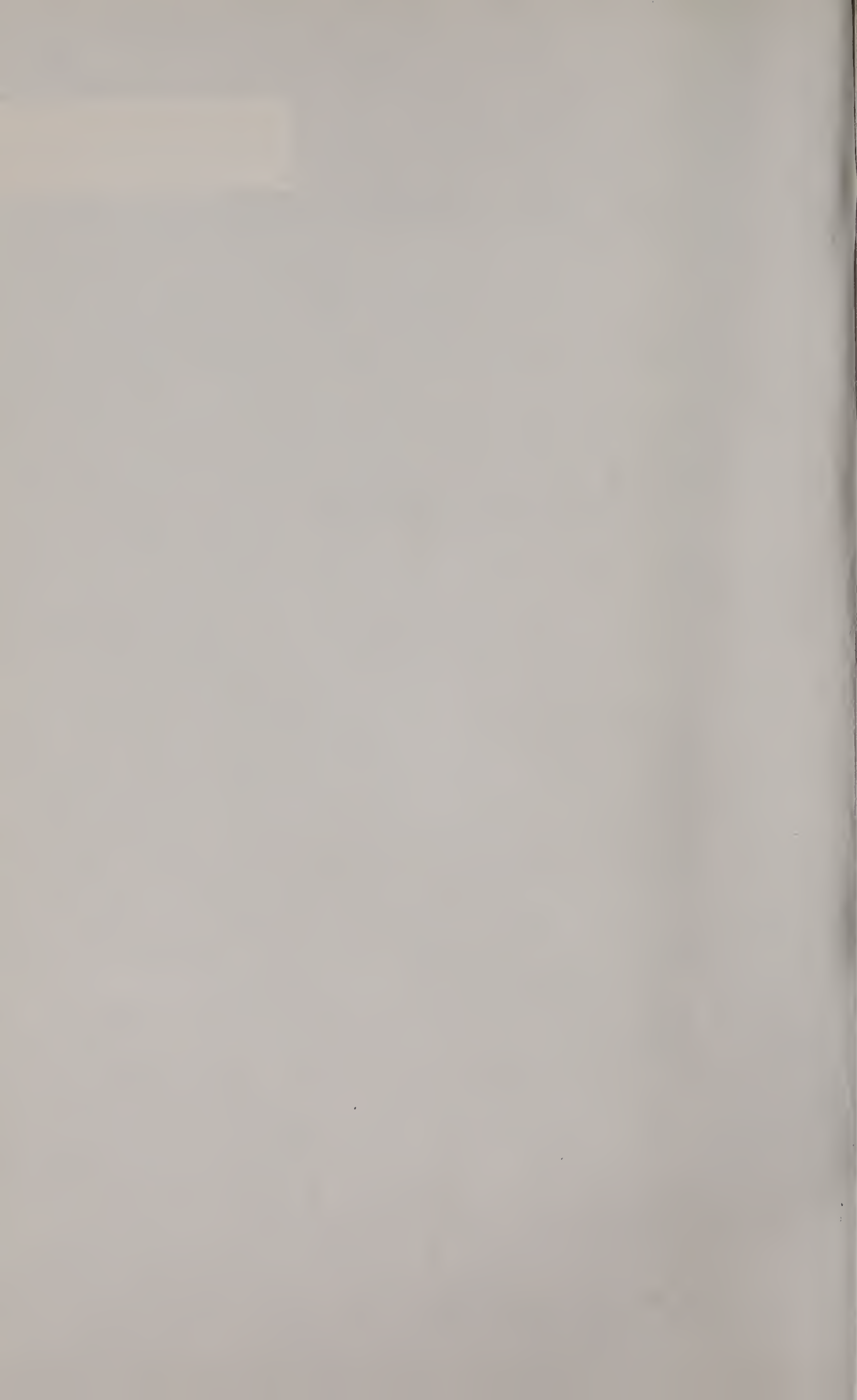
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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

3/6/78

			Term
Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Expires
Edward J. Santos, Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5654	1979
Myrna D. Adams	Segreganset	669-5787	1981
Charles P. Terry	No. Dighton	823-1194	1980
Board of Health			
Myrna D. Adams, Cr.	Segreganset	669-5787	1981
Edward J. Santos	No. Dighton	669-5654	1979
Charles P. Terry	No. Dighton	823-1194	1980
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Moderator			
Robert F. Ferreira Appt. 4/5/78	Dighton	669-5490	1979
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Ch.	Dighton	669-6079	1979
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1980
Richard Arruda	No. Dighton	669-5424	1981
Tree Warden			
Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1979

School Committee

Charles E. McKenna, Ch.	Dighton	669-5738	1981
Wallace A. Wood, V. Ch. & D-R Rep.	Dighton	669-5515	1981
Robert S. McConville, Sec.	No. Dighton	823-1333	1980
Maynard F. Horton, Jr., U#37	No. Dighton	824-5605	1979
Nicholas T. Santore, S.B.N.	No. Dighton	669-5078	1979
John T. Harris, U#37	Dighton	669-5438	1980
David R. Neely, Alt. D-R & U#37	Dighton		1980

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee

Richard F. Simmons, Ch.	No. Dighton	822-6791	1979
John A. Burke	No. Dighton	823-8320	1980

Planning Board

Thomas J. Pires, Ch.	Segreganset	669-5186	1982
Paul Joly, V. Ch.	Dighton	669-5304	1980
Jean P. Pelletier, Clerk	Segreganset	669-5457	1979
Frank N. Alves, Jr.	Dighton	669-5553	1982
Manuel R. Ferreira, SRPEDD Rep.	No. Dighton	824-9292	1983

Trustees of Public Library

Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1980
Wilma Schultz	No. Dighton	822-6644	1979
Patrick W. Menges	Segreganset	669-6782	1981

Playground Commission

Susan Marie McGuirk	No. Dighton	822-6294	1981
Norman A. Ross, Appt. 4/5/78	No. Dighton	822-6043	1979
Gary T. Sanson, Resigned 3/7/78			
Sydney Smith, Resigned 7/14/78			
Shirley Veronesi, Appt. 10/11/78			

Housing Authority

Norman LaFrance, Ch.	No. Dighton	822-4700	1981
Frank Costa, Jr., Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5327	1982
Richard S. Briggs, Treas.	Dighton	669-5166	1979
Osmond D. Crotty	No. Dighton	824-4522	1979
Ernest Atwood, II,	Dighton	669-5708	1979

4/19/78

Albert Reed, Deceased 3/17/78

COMMITTEES APPOINTED 5/1/78**Tel.****Finance Committee**

Armand Gagne, Chairman	824-0609
Wendell Brechin, Vice Chairman	669-5318
Charles A. Roderigues	669-6477
Ernest Atwood II	669-5708
William Hubbard, Sec.	822-0000
Walter Gonzalski	822-0765
Paul Hoffshire	822-5012

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk	669-5411
Elliot Hathaway, Resigned 7/1/78	
Alice Souza	669-5776
Janice M. Benson	824-0223

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson	669-5444
Joseph Lawrence	669-5600
Richard M. Arruda	669-5424
William E. Johnson	822-1264
J. Ford Golsby	822-2896
Joseph P. Pacheco	669-5381

Conservation Commission

William Frenette, Chairman	669-5004
Charles Mello	669-6441
Frances Crawford	669-5527
James Digits	822-3373
Ronald O'Connor	822-7837

Cemetery Commission

Helen Brown	669-5757
Elaine Varley	669-5514
Arthur Morton	252-6292

Historical Commission

Charles Harris, Chairman	824-5607
Robert McGuirk, Vice Chairman	822-6294
Helen Lane, Member Emeritus	—
Helen Brown	669-5757
Dr. Rose Borges	669-5668
Arthur Staples	669-6407
Elaine Varley	669-5514
Edward Silvia	824-7415

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Joseph C. Murray, Chairman	1982	822-5474
Frank R. Rogers, Secretary	1979	824-9498
James F. Maguire	1983	824-4889
Malcolm T. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman	1981	823-1939
James B. Murphy	1980	669-5019

Advisory Committee on Job and Rate Classification

David R. Neely	—
Malcolm T. McCutcheon	823-1939
Barbara A. Engler	822-9064
Roger B. Perry	824-7396

Council on Aging

Helen Lawrence, Chairman	669-5970
Dr. Rose Borges, Vice Chairman	669-5668
Muriel Carey, Resigned 6/15/78	
Francis McDermott, Treasurer	669-5769
Bella Boucher, Social Services	669-5493
Marguerite Pelletier, Health Programs	669-5457
Thomas K. Webster, Bristol County Home Care	822-5562
Joseph R. Silvia	822-9655
Lester H. Lassen	669-5588
Theodore Ladd	824-7840
Hannah Bonvie	822-5726
Joseph Cordeiro	—

Local Growth Policy Committee

Edward J. Santos	669-5654
William Costa	669-5719
William Frenette	669-5004
Norman LaFrance	822-4700
Robert F. Ferreira	669-5490
Myrna D. Adams	669-5787
Charles Harris	824-5607
Helen Brown	669-5757
Charles McKenna	669-5738
J. Ford Golsby	822-2896
Judith Ferry	669-5709

School Planning & Building Committee

Dr. Clifford A. Wood, Chairman	669-5112
Mary L. Giannakoulas, Secretary	823-5432
Joseph Quintal, Jr.	669-6656
Bruce M. Murphy, Vice Chairman	822-7445
Ellis E. Strange, Jr.	669-6448
Hans Paulsen	823-1685
Nicholas T. Santore	669-5078
Edward J. Santos	669-5078

Sewerage Study Committee

Wendell Brechin	669-6477
Robert Ferreira	669-5490
Judith Ferry	669-5709
Frank Souza	822-0309
Richard Holbrook	822-5547
Jacqueline Allie	822-6468
Frank Alves, Jr.	669-5553
Robert McGuirk	822-6294
Paul Joly	669-5304
Douglas Jensen	669-6465
John J. Botelho	824-6354
Charles Roderigues	669-6477

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS June 28, 1978

Fence Viewers: Harold Mendoza, Leo Pivirotto, Richard Aruda

Civil Defense Director: Ronald O'Connor

Agents to the Board of Health: Leo A. Duffy, Frank R. Rogers

Burial Agent: Arthur Morton

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health:
Eleanor N. Dupont

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Supt. of Insect Pest Control: Alfred M. Perry

Dog Officer: Antone Katon

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: George Oliveira

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Public Weighers—I.C.I. United States: Alfonso Sollitto, Thomas Washington

Inspector of Wires: Robert D. Bleau

Associate Inspector of Wires: John Gonsalves, Jr.

Plumbing Inspector: Donald French

Associate Plumbing Inspector: John P. DeCambra

Building Inspector: Maynard F. Horton, Sr.

Associate Building Inspector: George A. Perry

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Richard Bragga

Conservation Commission: Frances Crawford, Ronald O'Connor, James F. Digits, William Frenette, Charles Mello

Council on Aging: Hannah Bonvie, Dr. Rose Borges, Bella M. Boucher, Muriel Carey, Helen Lawrence, Theodore Ladd, Lester Lassn, Francis McDermott, Marguerite E. Pelletier

Historical Commission: Helen A. Brown, Dr. Rose Borges, Charles W. Harris, Robert McGuirk, Edward Silvia, Arthur Staples, Elaine Varley, Helen L. Lane, Member Emeritus

Town Forest Committee: William Andrews, William Harrison, Charles Leonard, Philip Rines, Manuel Sylvia, Arthur Allie - Alternate

Bridge Tender: Joseph Medeiros

Sealer of Weights & Measures: Gorge A. Perry

Cemetery Commission: Arthur Morton, Elaine Varley, Helen Brown

Town Counsel: Peter B. Gay

Industrial Commission: James B. Murphy

Board of Appeals: Frohman Anderson, Joseph Lawrence, J. Ford Golsby, William Johnson, Richard Arruda, Thomas Wynn

Town Accountant (3 years): Doris B. Hopkins, Appointed
5/17/78

SRPEDD Representative: Judith Ferry

**Representative to the Regional Citizen Advisory Council to
Coastal Zone Management:** Paul Meckowski

Sewerage Study Committee: Wendell Brechin, Robert Ferreira,
Judith Fray, Frank Souza, Richard Holbrook, Jacqueline
Allie, Frank Alves, Jr., Robert McGuirk, Paul Joly, Doug-
las Jensen, John J. Botelho, Charles Roderigues

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Annual Town Meeting held May 1, 1978 at Town Hall, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Robert Ferreira, Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Irene Goulart, Mary Perry and Alice Souza. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Edward Santos recognized the following for their service to the town:

Ralph Deane, Moderator from 3/6/66 to 3/31/71 and from 3/25/76 to 3/6/78.

Leah B. Crosby, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen from 10/66 to 12/30//77.

Harold Gracia, Civil Defense Director from 5/21/75 to 9/30/77.

William Costa, Planning Board, Chairman, from 3/5/53 to 6/11/77.

Robert Ferreira, Planning Board from 7/13/77 to 3/6/78.

Don Boisvert, Planning Board from 3/7/77 to 3/6/78.

Gary T. Sanson, Playground Commission from 3/15/74 to 3/6/78.

William Ashcroft, Playground Commission from 12/3/75 to 3/6/78.

Joseph Pacheco, Finance Committee from 3/13/72 to 5/1/78.

Pamela Leach, Finance Committee from 2/9/77 to 5/1/78.

Robert Barboza, Finance Committee from 3/4/76 to 5/1/78.

Remembered were Henry L. Burt, Conservation Commission Member, deceased 5/24/77, John B. Farrar, Former Director BCAS & former Fireman, 10/10/77, Frank O'Connell, Former Member of the Board of Assessors, 4/29/77, Albert Reed, Asst. Treasurer Housing Authority 3/1/71 to 3/17/78 and a Special Remembrance of Robert T. Roy, Supt. of Schools for 22 years from 9/55 to 6/77 who passed away on 9/18/77. A minute of silence was held.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book be accepted.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Pamela Leach that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Richard Simmons that the Town raise and appropriate \$16,323.63 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the capital expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Wallace Wood that the Town raise and appropriate \$610,911.96 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(5) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate, raise and appropriate and transfer, the following:

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Interest on Loans	1,000.00	Frank R. Rogers
2. School Department	1,321,801.00	Charles E. McKenna
3. Public Library	9,874.00	Joseph Hathaway
4. Board of Selectmen	22,079.00	Edward J. Santos
5. Town Accountant	12,938.00	Edward J. Santos
6. Town Clerk	12,677.00	Frank R. Rogers
7. Town Collector	15,433.00	Frank R. Rogers
8. Town Treasurer	13,237.00	Frank R. Rogers

9. Tax Title Account	1,800.00	Frank R. Rogers
10. Tax Possession Acct.	100.00	Frank R. Rogers
11. Board of Assessors	35,117.00*	Harold Mendoza
12. Finance Committee	100.00	Armand Gagne
13. Elections & Registrations	4,800.00	Frank R. Rogers
14. Planning Board	9,787.00	Thomas Pires
15. Board of Appeals	400.00	Charles P. Terry
16. Town Office Acct.	15,919.00**	Myrna D. Adams
17. Industrial Commission	100.00	Myrna D. Adams
18. Conservation Commission	350.00	James Digits
19. Town Counsel	7,500.00	Charles P. Terry
20. Police Dept. Raise & Ap.	65,895.00	
Transfer from Rev. Shar.	90,000.00	Karl K. Spratt, Jr.
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	155,895.00	
21. Fire Department	80,715.00	Joseph T. White
22. Hydrant Rental	1,740.00	Joseph T. White
23. Insect Pest Control	1,000.00	Myrna D. Adams
24. Shade Tree Acct.	500.00	Charles P. Terry
25. Care of Town Elms	1,800.00	Myrna D. Adams
26. Civil Defense	1,750.00	Ronald O'Connor
27. Dog Officer	4,500.00	Antone Katon
28. Communications Center	38,540.00	Edward J. Santos
29. Board of Health	10,050.00	Myrna D. Adams
30. Care of Landfill		
Raise & Approp.	10,114.00	
Free Cash	22,000.00	
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	32,114.00	Edward J. Santos
31. Highway Department		
Raise & Approp.	134,857.00	
TITLE II AntiRecession		
F.A., Public Works Em-		
ployment Act of 1976	3,618.00	
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	138,475.00	Alfred M. Perry
32. Brush Control	600.00	Alfred M. Perry
33. Sidewalk Maintenance	2,000.00	Charles P. Terry
34. Berkley-Dighton Bridge	1,440.00	Myrna D. Adams

35. Veterans Account	30,000.00	Myrna D. Adams
36. Playground & Recreation	7,554.00	Susan M. McGuirk
37. Memorial Day Observance	300.00	Charles P. Terry
38. Civic Center Ctr. Maint.	750.00	Myrna D. Adams
39. County Retire. Funds	53,655.00	Frank R. Rogers
40. Town Insurance	43,681.00	Edward J. Santos
41. Contributory Grp. Ins.	44,118.00	Edward J. Santos
42. State Retirement	2,500.00	Charles P. Terry
43. Council on Aging	6,710.00	Myrna D. Adams
44. Historical Commission	300.00	Charles W. Harris
45. Tuitions	450.00	Myrna D. Adams
46. Cemeteries—Pub. Prop.	1,300.00	Charles P. Terry
47. Rubbish Contract	31,800.00	Myrna D. Adams

*of this amount \$300.00 be set aside for out of state travel.

**of this amount \$600.00 be set aside for out of state travel.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Wendell Brechin that the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Department Accounts be established for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

Board of Asssors:

Chairman CMA	\$16,008.00
Member	1,700.00
Member	1,700.00

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman	4,800.00
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Board of Health:

Chairman	4,300.00
Member	3,800.00

Moderator	150.00
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Town Clerk	4,740.00
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Town Collector	5,750.00
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Town Treasurer	4,740.00
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Tree Warden	100.00
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(7) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt, Jr. that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of two (2) motor vehicles with accessories and equipment for the use of the Police De-

partment, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one 1977 and one 1974 motor vehicles as a trade value in the purchase of same, and transfer one motor vehicle from the Police Department to the Highway Department.

(8) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt, Jr. that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,600.00 for the purchase of air conditioners to be used for the police tation.

(9) VOTED: On motion of Alfred M. Perry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing vehicles and equipment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Alfred M. Perry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of one Automatic Sander with necessary accessories and equipment for the use of the Highway Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one 1966 model sander, either as a trade value in the purchase of same or by sale to the highest bidder, whichever action proves to be in the Town's best interest.

(11) VOTED On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$27,923.00 to be used for construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town Roads in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 356, Acts of 1977.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,308.00 for town funds to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town Roads.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Myrna D. Adams that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted

or to be allotted by the Commonwealth/and/or Federally-aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$20,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the Highway Maintenance program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the reconstruction of Maple and Oak Streets.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Center and Main Street Force Account to the Center and Main St. or any other approved Town Road Force Account.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate \$450,000.00 for constructiong, originally equipping and furnishing a Town Office Building; that to meet this appropriation \$170,000.00 be transferred from Stabilization Fund and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$280,000.00 under General Law, Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) as amended. Yes 126 No 40 Hand Vote.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Berkley-Dighton Community Services Organization.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Rapoza-Knott Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as provided by Chp. 40, Sec. 9, Gen. Laws.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$527.05, the Dog Tax Refund, to the Public Library Account.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of installing insulation to the roof of the Public Library.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote and appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of entering into contract with an auditing firm, as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 42 of the General Laws, to conduct an audit of the Town's financial statements.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, the Mosquito Control Work as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,525.73 for the payment of the principal and interest on a loan authorized by the Special Town Meeting of July 25, 1977, to pay partial costs of engineering services pertaining to sewerage facilities plan preparation.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the purpose of establishing salaries for members of the Planning Board as follows: Chairman \$600.00, Members \$400.00 each, per year.

(26) Report of the School Building Needs Committee given by Clifford Wood.

This committee formed two years ago. We have met with the School Committee. Library and Physical Education facilities are needed. Very little can be done about additions to the Junior High School. Problems also exist with an addition to the Elementary School. But in our best judgment, we propose addition to the Elementary School Site and move one grade

over from the Junior High School. The sewerage problem has not been solved at the Elementary School and it must be solved before any plans for an 8 or 10 room addition can be made. The Bristol County Agricultural School was petitioned for an easement on their property behind the Elementary School, but has denied this request. We will look into an on site treatment plan for the sewerage or by busing it out if necessary.

VOTED: To accept report of the School Building Needs Committee as presented.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Clifford Wood that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of covering costs of planning and design for a proposed addition to the Elementary School and also renovations to the Junior High School Building.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Williams Street Landtaking Account for the purpose of completing the necessary landtakings and also to meet other costs relative to the Town's share of the Williams Street project.

(29) Report of the Dighton Planning Board given by Thomas Pires as follows:

"Upon request of Mr. Lancashire to rezone his land at 1929 Somerset Ave., approx. 29 acres which is now zoned business and open recreation and conservation to industrial, the property in question is located in a predominantly business zoned area. At one time this property was the location of the Groveland Foundry and Chickering Sawmill.

The type of business Mr. Lancashire intends to enter into is the fabrication of parts and components for the marine industry.

Although it will be light industry, this type of operation is considered to be of an industrial nature.

The Planning Board, after holding a public hearing on April 19, 1978 recommends approval of this zoning change."

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Planning Board Report be accepted.

(30) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires, that the Town vote to adopt the report of the Planning Board amending the zoning map entitled "Dighton, Massachusetts Zoning Map 1978," which changes from business and open recreation and conservation to industrial, that property located on the easterly side of Somerset Avenue, as shown on Assessor's Map No. 17, Parcels 22, 23 and 169, text and map on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion in the form of an amendment was made by Charles Harris that it be shown on the Town record that if any excavating is done, consideration will be given to any Indian artifacts on the site.

(31) VOTED: On motion of Armand Gagne that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$22,000.00 to the Reserve Account appropriation, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(32) VOTED: On motion of Myrna D. Adams that the Town vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, Highway Program under Chapter 90 and Chapter 356, General Laws, and the Town Road Improvement program.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000.00 for unemployment insurance as required by Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1977.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Myrna D. Adams that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at Public Auction or Private Sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(35) VOTED: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at Public Auction.

(36) VOTED: On motion of Frank R. Rogers that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Moderator announced the Finance Committee for 1978-1979 as follows: Armand Gagne, Wendell R. Brechin, Charles A. Roderigues, Ernest Atwood II, Walter Gonzalski, William Hubbard and Paul Hoffshire.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting on June 28, 1978 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Robert Ferreira, Moderator. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

Report given by Thomas Pires: "In conjunction with Article I thru Article VI, and in compliance with statutory requirements of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, the Planning Board held a Public Hearing on May 31, 1978. Based upon that hearing we present the following report: Report of Public Hearing May 31, 1978. The Planning Board as a result of the Public Hearing held on May 31, 1978 Re: 808 Zoning Law and By-Law Amendments:

1. "deleting that portion of Article V, Section 2, which reads as follows: Article V, Section 2, 'Irregular shaped lots with less than 175 feet frontage in residential district will

be allowed provided there is 60' frontage and there is 175' width at some place on the lot. The set back from the street shall be no less than the place where the lot is 175' in width.

2. Considered all arguments by those attending and voted unanimously to accept all Articles as advertised and made part of this report.

3. We did consider the suggestion that the Planning Board become the special permit presnting authority instead of the Board of Appeals as stated in the zoning change however, at this time the Planning Board will recommend that the Board of Appeals remain the special permit granting authority in the Town of Dighton.

So therefore, to initiate the action of these changes, I Move Article I.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Thomas Pires that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article IV, Section I, General Regulations, by adding at the end thereof a new subsection 5 reading as follows: "Construction or operation undera building permit or under a special permit shall conform to any subsequent amendments of the Zoning By-Law, unless such use or construction is commenced within 6 months after the issuance of such permit."

Article 2.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Motion that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VII, Section 5, Special Permits, by deleting the subsection 2 thereof and by inserting the following new subsections 2, 3 and 4 in its place: "No special permit shall be issued except following a public hearing held by the Board of Appeals, designated hereby as the special permit granting

authority, within 65 days after filing of the application with the Town Clerk, copies of which application, including all supporting materials shall be forthwith transmitted to the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. The Board of Appeals shall give notice of said public hearing as provided in Sections 9 and 11 of Chapter 40A of Massachusetts General Laws, and shall act on said application within 90 days following the public hearing."

"The Board of Appeals shall not render a decision on an application for a Special Permit until receipt of a report thereon from the Planning Board, accompanied by any materials, maps or plans that would aid the Board of Appeals in judging the application and in determining any special conditions and safeguards, or until 35 days shall have elapsed from the date of referral of such application to the Planning Board without receipt of such report. If the Board of Appeals does not follow the recommendations of the Planning Board, the decision of the Board of Appeals shall state the reasons therefor."

If substantial use or construction under a special permit has not commenced within 2 years after the issuance of such permit, including any time needed to await the determination of any court appeal, such special permit shall lapse and become void".

Article 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Thomas Pires that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VII, Section 5, by adding the following new subsection 5 as presented to all voters present here this evening.

Article 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of John Pelletier that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to amend

the Zoning By-Law, Article VII, Section 3, Subsection 5, by deleting the words "six (6) months" in the last line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the words "twelve (12) months," and further by deleting the words "and Planning Board" therein;

The text of the corrected article to read as follows:
"In case of temporary loss of existing dwelling by fire, flood, wind, or act of God, an emergency permit may be issued for temporary use of trailer or mobile home by the Board of Selectmen and Building Inspector for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months."

Article 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of John Pelletier that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, by deleting subsection 2 of Article VI, Section 5 thereof, entitled Non-Conforming Uses, and by adopting the following new subsection 2 in its place:

A building or structure non-conforming dimensionally or as to its use may be reconstructed in the same location and in substantially the same manner and to the same or lesser dimensions, provided the cost of the work does not exceed the aggregate cost of such building or structure, or the building or structure is changed to a conforming use, and further provided that nothing in this By-Law shall prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any portion of a building or structure declared unsafe by a proper authority. No alteration or expansion of a non-conforming building, structure or land shall be permitted, except upon issuance of a special permit in accordance with Article VII, Section 5 thereof.

Article 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of John Pelletier that pursuant to a request of the Dighton Planning Board and in conformity with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended, and in compliance with all statutory requirements in relation thereto, that the Town vote to

amend the Zoning By-Law, by deleting that portion of Article V, Section 2 which reads as follows:

“Irregular shaped lots with less than 175 feet frontage in Residential Districts will be allowed provided that there is 60 feet frontage and there is 175 feet width at some place on the lot. The set back from the street shall be no less than the place where the lot is 175 feet in width.

Article 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of acquiring by eminent domain that property located on Maple Street formerly assessed to Howard C. Briggs and bounded and described as follows: Parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Maple Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the parcel herein described, thence N. $8^{\circ} 38' 30''$ E. 1346.31 feet by land now or formerly of Brian J. Schofield to a point at a pipe and stones; thence turning and running S. $78^{\circ} 8' 30''$ E. 503.25 feet by land now or formerly of the Heirs of Gilbert Walker to a point at a heap of stones; thence turning and running S. $8^{\circ} 38' 30''$ W. 1331.36 feet by land now or formerly of George A. and Eva Gerdts to the northerly side of Maple Street; thence along the northerly line of Maple Street N. $79^{\circ} 51' 20''$ W. 502.63 feet to the point of beginning. Said property to be used for Town recreation purposes.

Article 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Charles P. Terry that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,323.00 to supplement the Police Department Budget for Fiscal Year 1978-1979, which was voted on and approved at the Annual Town Meeting May 1, 1978. This additional amount is needed to cover costs resulting from completed negotiations pertaining to the Police Department Personnel Union Contract for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1979.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting on Sept. 6, 1978 was called to order at 8 P.M. by Robert Ferreira, Moderator. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Irene Goulart, Alice Souza and Mary Perry.

VOTED: On motion of Charls Terry to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

Article 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote ot appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,250.72 to pay prior years bills.

\$4,105.72—Insurance Coverage

120.00—Board of Health

25.00—Penn Central R. R. (Town Office Acct.)

Article 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to accept as a gift from Dighton Industries, Inc., of Dighton, a section of land which comprises approximately one half of a parcel of land owned by Dighton Industries, Inc., and located on the southerly side of Tremont St. This section of land was formerly and is presently being utilized as a part of the Town of Dighton Sanitary Landfill Area.

Armand Gagne gave Finance Committee approval of

Article 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer to the Care of the Landfill Account the sum of \$2,242.00 from Title II, Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, this sum being necessary to meet additional costs in providing required services at the Dighton Sanitary Landfill Area.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Wendell Brechin that a Ballot Vote be taken.

VOTED: On motion of George Ball to move the previous question.

Article 4. DEFEATED. Motion of Norman E. Courcy that pursuant to a petition of Norman E. Courcy and others to the Board of Selectmen to see if the Action taken on Article 17 at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 1978 will be rescinded, and revoke all authority previously conferred upon any elected official or employee of the Town of Dighton to raise or spend money for the purpose of constructing a new Town Hall.

Ballot Vote: Yes 126 No 128.

Article 5. Motion of Norman Courcy that pursuant to a petition of Norman E. Courcy and others to the Board of Selectmen to see if Article #1 (Town Meeting) of the By-Laws of the Town of Dighton will be amended by adding the following Section #8.

Section 8—Any vote for the purpose of a capital project which exceeds \$100,000 shall be by ballot vote.

VOTED: On motion of John Harris to Table Article 5.
Yes 97 No 2.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

On September 19, 1978 the State Primary was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Five Hundred Ninety Four Votes were cast. One Hundred Sixty Seven Republican and Four Hundred Twenty Seven Democratic.

On November 7, 1978 the State Election was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. There were 1680 votes cast.

The Town would like to extend its thanks to the Dighton Lion's Club for its time and effort put forth in their project to present the Town with the very valuable gift of the Jaws of Life.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—MARCH 6, 1978

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held at Town Hall, March 6, 1978 on warrant dated February 22, 1978.

The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers, duly sworn in by Mr. Rogers: Elaine Varley, Warden; Irene Goulart, Clerk; Mary Katon, Helen Reed, Alice Rogers, Percy Simmons, Bernice Darling, Helen Brown, Judith Ferry, Mary Perry, Emily Pilling, Adele Rose and Alice Souza.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 198; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years—Myrna D. Adams

Moderator for One Year—Tie Vote No One Elected

Assessor for Three Years—Richard M. Arruda

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry

School Committee for Three Years—

Charles E. McKenna, Wallace A. Wood

Planning Board for Five Years—Manuel R. Ferreira

Planning Board for Four Years—Thomas J. Pires

Trustee of Public Library for Three Years—

Patrick W. Menges

Playground Commission for Three Years—

Susan Marie McGuirk

Housing Authority for Five Years—Albert Reed

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,

Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1978

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
5	Brandon George Borge	Garrison G. & Donna L. Paradis Borge
11	Danielle Jean Booth	Mahlon S. & Laurie J. Dubois Booth
14	Jodi Ann Souza	Gilbert A. & Judith E. White Souza
31	Cara Michele Richardson	Charles S. & Deborah A. Silva Richardson
FEBRUARY		
9	Mark Anthony Souza	Anthony M. & Joyce Ann DeMarco Souza
15	Michael David Ferreira	Thomas M. & Linda M. Gonzalski Ferreira
17	Kristin Elizabeth Burke	John A. & Beverly C. Barnes Burke
25	Cheryl Ann Hamilton	Bruce W. & Beverly A. Parent Hamilton
MARCH		
1	Maria Lee Frenette	Donald F. & Cheryl Ann Lee Frenette
12	Lance Paul Hazel	Kenneth P. & Deborah A. Salwan Hazel
13	Jeffrey Edward Potter	Ralph W. & Karin L. Rose Potter
15	Nathan Noons Duarte	Roger S. & Linda J. Noons Duarte
19	Jason Mathew Mello	Charles F. & Alice E. Mello Mello
20	Harvey Norman Berube III	Harvey N. & Darcy A. Medeiros Berube, Jr.
APRIL		
2	Derek Joseph Carpenter	Danny & Delores M. Charves Carpenter
6	Russell Paul Leonard	Richard K. & Donna Lee Cyr Leonard
7	Heather Noelle Jusseaume	Gregoire M. & Donna L. Evangelho Jusseaume
11	Jillian Beth Toste	Joseph A. & Deborah A. Moulding Toste
22	James Patrick Hunt	John P. & Marilyn A. Kohut Hunt
MAY		
11	Jamie Leigh Araujo	John P. & Gloria M. Kozlkowski Arauj
JUNE		
1	Michael John Amaral	John F. & Maria L. Ferreira Amaral
1	Peter Jamison Rose	Dan W. & Laurenda Ann Menges Rose
21	Jared Vernon Steele Sylvester	Carl C. & Debra J. Steele Sylvester

JULY

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|----|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kevin Robert Desforges | Robert D. & Joyce M. Raposa
Desforges |
| 5 | Daniel Robert Ponte | Patrick & Vera L. Henderson Ponte |
| 6 | Andrew Michael Zucco | John A. & Carol Ann Miller Zucco |
| 16 | Nicole Medas | Michael G. & Regina D. Pipitone
Medas |
| 22 | Anthony Edward Costa | Anthony D. & Patricia A. Lima Costa,
Jr. |

AUGUST

- | | | |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 5 | Jennifer Ann Perry | James H. & Sharon M. Costa Perry |
| 21 | Dawn Marie Copeland | William B. & Lynn M. Larrivee
Copeland |
| 24 | Danielle Ann Ashley | Clyde L. & Efthimia Kotsiopoulos
Ashley |

SEPTEMBER

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|----|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 2 | Nicole Marie Steele | Peter V. & Carole L. Hodder Steele |
| 25 | Jill Berube O'Connell | Robert A. & Debra A. Berube
O'Connell |
| 25 | Jean Elizabeth McGarr | Thomas S. & Paula M. Viera McGarr |
| 27 | Stacey Lynn Covell | Raymond L. & Jean Medeiros Covell |

OCTOBER

- | | | |
|----|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 | David Allen Silva | Joseph Jr. & Sharon P. Flynn Silva |
| 2 | Jennifer Lyn Casey | Robert D. & Linda C. Norcutt Casey |
| 4 | Lisa Marie Ferreira | William T. & Deborah M. Perry
Ferreira |
| 6 | Philippe Noah Fournier | Normand R. & Alberta J. Campbell
Fournier |
| 8 | Jodi Lee Collins | Leo J. & Beverly A. Spearin Collins,
Jr. |
| 15 | Rebecca Ann Pine | Samuel D. & Sandra L. Raposa Pine |
| 20 | Jennifer Lynn Weeks | Scott B. & Karen M. Stack Weeks |
| 21 | Jason Michael Souza | Alfred C. & Susan B. Hopkins Souza |
| 30 | Lois Rose McCormick | Brian M. & Lois N. Souza McCormick |

NOVEMBER

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 10 | Abby Backlund | Don A. & Janice L. Cornaglia
Backlund |
| 13 | Rebecca Elizabeth Bright | Alan C. & Kathleen G. Marsden Bright |
| 23 | Kathleen Rae Godek | Walter P. & Louise M. Mendes Godek |
| 24 | Joseph Dupont | Joseph R. & Brenda I. Olson Dupont |

DECEMBER

- | | | |
|----|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 27 | Keith John Bradshaw | Edward J. & Debra L. Sypher
Bradshaw |
| 27 | Jessica Sonya Raposo | John Luis & Ann Marie Perreira
Raposo |
| 28 | David Joseph Pimento | Joseph & Barbara A. McCabe Pimento,
Jr. |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1978

Date Names

JANUARY

- 19 Gerald F. Lynch of Fall River and Susan Lee Davis of
 Fall River

FEBRUARY

- 4 Gary M. Mendes of Dighton and Kerri A. Copley of
 Dighton
- 17 David A. Costa of Taunton and Susan Ferreira of Taun-
 ton

MARCH

- 4 John A. Fournier of Swansea and Joan M. Burns (Cleve-
 land) of Swansea
- 18 Charles H. Mason, Jr. of Dighton and Grace M. Larsen
 (Britton) of New Bedford
- 20 Richard L. Allen of Taunton and Linda M. Costa of
 Dighton
- 24 William Morris of Taunton and Edith Guinen (Boyce)
 of Taunton

APRIL

- 8 Ralph F. Drier of Taunton and Tracey A. Guillemette
 of Dighton
- 8 Robert Baptista of Taunton and Sharon P. Slivinski
 (Mendoza) of Dighton
- 13 Floyd F. Renn of Dighton and Patricia A. Caron
 (Machado) of Dighton
- 15 Peter G. Mozzone of Taunton and Mary Lou Harwood
 of Dighton
- 15 Richard M. S. Mansueto of Dighton and Marion L.
 Boutilier (Studley) of Taunton
- 16 Gary Nardone of Waltham and Maria C. Parchesco of
 Dighton

- 15 Steven P. Mathers of Cranston, R.I. and Cynthia A. Purcell of Taunton
- 16 John J. Rego of Swansea and Delia V. Martin of Fall River
- 21 Leo Travis, Jr. of Fall River and Joan M. Wilson of Dighton
- 21 Michael Albert Masse of Rehoboth and Julie Gustafson of Dighton
- 28 Roland Lucien Bernard of Rehoboth and Marjorie Alice Turek (Johnson) of Rehoboth

MAY

- 6 Wayne A. Cunha of Taunton and Donna M. Costa of Dighton
- 6 William Goff of Taunton and Debra Amaral of Taunton
- 6 Paul C. Dame of Taunton and Cathy A. McDermott of Taunton
- 6 Richard Austen Lowell 2nd of Taunton and Sharon Lynn Wilson of Dighton
- 6 Richard P. Viveiros of Dighton and Lilia N. Amaral (Abreu) of Taunton
- 6 David J. Silvia of Dighton and Veronica M. Costa of Dighton
- 12 David Alan Boegler of Dighton and Dale Marie Leffort of Rehoboth
- 20 Kirk E. Horton of Dighton and Wendy Shaw of Rehoboth
- 27 Jeffrey A. Ashcroft of Dighton and Rosemary Barros of Taunton
- 28 Everett Rodrigues of Taunton and Pauline Cleary of Taunton
- 28 Peter Joseph Gianola of Westborough and Catherine Ann Goggin of Dighton

JUNE

- 2 Billy Joe Lawson, Jr. of Taunton and Jill L. Furtado of Dighton
- 10 William N. Mallette of Dighton and Janice Emerson of Dighton
- 10 Rene L. Plante of Rehoboth and Cynthia Garnett of Dighton

- 11 Walter E. Appleby II of Woodstock, Me. and Kathleen F. Vaz of Dighton
- 16 Stephen F. Kruczek of Taunton and Wendy Ann St. Pierre of Dighton
- 17 James F. Pacheco of Dighton and Beverly A. Ferry of Dighton
- 17 Steven Arruda of Fall River and Lucienne Boucher of Fall River
- 24 Douglas Richard Bell of E. Prov., R.I. and MaryBeth E. Horton of Rehoboth
- 25 Peter St. Yves of Taunton and Julia E. James of Dighton

JULY

- 1 Raymond G. Tourangeau of Norwood and Debra Morrison (Wolfenden) of Dighton
- 1 Michael T. Gagne of Somerset and Kelly J. Fonseca of Somerset
- 7 Richard O. Ferreira of Somerset and Diane Britland (Vasconcellos) of Fall River
- 22 Francis Baillargeon of Dighton and Annette Smith of Dighton
- 22 Ronald Kent of Rehoboth and Patricia Ann Murphy of Dighton
- 22 Peter O. Murphy of Cumberland, R.I. and Holly M. Keenan of Dighton
- 23 David D. Atwood of Dighton and Paula Gooch of Berkeley
- 29 Thomas McGarr of Westport and Paula Viera of Dighton
- 29 Brian M. Cardoza of Taunton and Gale Mellen of Taunton

AUGUST

- 12 William Drake McFeely of So. Hadley and Karen Gail Eliason of Simsbury, Conn.
- 13 Jeffrey S. Stevens of Attleboro and Carol A. Rose of Dighton
- 19 John F. Nunes of Taunton and Susan O. Carvalho of Dighton

- 25 Edward G. Medeiros of Taunton and Robin Pacheco of Taunton
- 25 Kenneth R. Rousseau of Rehoboth and Cathryn Higgins of Dighton
- 26 Arthur A. Malloy, Jr. of Somerset and Margaret Arruda of Fall River

SEPTEMBER

- 2 John T. Golen of Fall River and Viola Wilber (Hathaway) of Adamsville, R.I.
- 2 Manuel Botelho, Jr. of Fall River and JoAnne Blanchard (Thomas) of Fall River
- 2 Robert S. Cybulski of Berkley and Jo A. Vincent of Dighton
- 2 David Roger Simmons of Pawtucket, R.I. and Gail P. Carvalho of Dighton
- 3 Gene A. Cabral of Fall River and Patricia Tavares of Fall River
- 4 John Joseph Monteiro of Dighton and Deborah Jean Rapoza of Somerset
- 22 Rene Boelee of Rehoboth and Paulette Marie Glynn of Rehoboth
- 22 Leo St. Pierre of Pawtucket, R.I. and Marsha Jamial of Pawtucket, R.I.
- 23 Michael Godfrey of Rehoboth and Cheryl E. Carr of Dighton
- 30 Gilbert H. Garnett of Dighton and Suzanne M. Courcy of Taunton

OCTOBER

- 6 Bruce W. Blackledge of Rehoboth and Dianne M. Bouchard of Dighton
- 7 Paul Farias of Fall River and Beth M. Baillargeon of Fall River
- 7 Joseph M. McCarthy of Taunton and Mary P. Lema of Taunton
- 7 Stephen Alan Tharrett of Dighton and Pamela Rodrigues of Somerset
- 13 Kenneth G. Rubadou of Dighton and Eleanor M. Lowney of Fall River

- 14 Richard C. Walker of Taunton and Sharon C. Silvia of Dighton
- 14 Daniel Arruda of Fall River and Donna Souza of Fall River
- 14 John T. Cartin of Dighton and Jerilyn M. Atwood of Dighton
- 21 Joseph P. Leo of Dighton and Ruth E. Horton of Dighton
- 21 Humberto Melo of Taunton and Ramona Sulham of Taunton
- 27 David M. Santos of Dighton and Linda J. Costa of Taunton

NOVEMBER

- 3 William J. Mendoza of Dighton and Donna M. Sampson of Dighton
- 4 Stephen E. Guimar of Fall River and Jeannine G. Courchaine of Fall River
- 4 Stephen J. Kaszyk of Dighton and Roberta J. Kress of Somerset
- 4 Robert D. Nunes of Taunton and Nancy Gaudette of Dighton
- 17 James F. Ryan of Dighton and Robin C. Briggs of Taunton
- 18 Ronald D. Cambra of Taunton and Debra A. Howarth of Taunton
- 27 Paul Savaria of Swansea and Nancy J. Sowersby of Swansea

DECEMBER

- 23 Nelson W. Cook of Tiverton, R.I. and Billie D. Dufresne of Rehoboth
- 28 Kenneth P. Souza of Dighton and Karen S. Wilmoth of Dighton
- 29 Robert A. Colp of Dighton and Helen T. D'Alessio of Newton, N.J.
- 30 William E. Medeiros of Berkley and Helen L. Donnelly of Dighton
- 31 Michael J. Keene of Raynham and Deborah Almeida of Dighton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1978

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
2	Arlyne Simons (Goodman)	49	2	3
3	Arthur K. Kennedy	31	3	23
5	Ruth Irene Jones (Delano)	64	11	1
10	Willem Paulsen	21	7	9
16	Laura Gonsalves Carpenter	74	—	—
20	Moyer Benjamine Stone	43	3	1
31	Anthony King Vargas	68	9	26
FEBRUARY				
4	Manuel P. Torres	86	9	3
13	Mabell L. Walker Bradshaw (Sprague)	89	6	11
15	Renaldo Esposte	61	8	16
27	John Rebello	66	10	27
MARCH				
5	Richard Martin	59	7	22
13	Ernest H. Fuller	87	5	2
14	Ann Masse (Ramut)	70	—	—
17	Albert Reed	79	5	17
27	John G. Vargas	63	7	15
MAY				
19	John Costa Nunes	83	11	15
19	Tracey Whittle	6	0	0
JUNE				
17	Beryl Esther Goff (Rose)	86	4	18
22	Curtis Nelson Drown	79	3	4
26	Joseph F. DeCambra	65	—	—

JULY

1	Julia Caron (O'Brien)	67	3	2
3	Nicholina Mello Carreiro	90	—	—
15	Manuel Andrews	70	8	18
27	Apolinia Swakon (Zozial)	83	7	0
28	Caroline S. Turner (Gilbert)	77	4	19
28	Hulda R. Angus (Swanson)	85	8	2
29	Henry Dubois	83	10	18
30	Marion Louise Broadbent	48	7	28

AUGUST

4	Domenick Cimino	66	—	—
30	Louis Joseph Litalien	79	11	1

SEPTEMBER

1	Frank Virdinlia	67	10	29
10	Harold Oliver Woodward	75	2	24
19	Harry D. Quick	71	2	1

OCTOBER

9	Harry Bell aka Joseph Henry Bell	47	10	29
17	Rose Miguel (Caetano)	78	7	10
23	George L. McNeil	73	11	21
31	Oliver H. Perry	68	6	27

NOVEMBER

7	Rachel A. McInnis (Taylor)	88	4	8
16	Joseph Cordeiro	59	—	—

DECEMBER

5	Bertha I. Hathaway (Babbitt)	94	4	16
7	Kenneth D. Schindelwig	43	10	22
9	Kenneth George Rubadou	37	7	1
14	Wilton E. Westgate	85	8	14
20	Bernice Martha Wray (Klugh)	74	11	21
25	Brian P. Fleming	23	8	3

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1978.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	23,982
Adult books	15,475
Juvenile books	7,603
Periodicals	904
Number of persons using the reading room	1,498
Collected in fines	\$87.22
Books added to the library	504

The children's room is being utilized throughout the year with the showing of films on a regular basis. During the summer months movies were shown and crafts were made and stories were told to the various age levels. Cooperation between the playground and the library expanded our crafts program.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Mr. Harlan Horton mowed the cemeteries this year.

The Sylvanus Jones Cemetery off Williams St. received special attention, with the repairing of stones and cleaning out of brush, and painting of the gate. This cemetery was almost impossible to get into up to this time, and there is a Civil War veteran buried there.

The Blizzard of Feb. 6, 1978 required extra work in removing trees, especially from the Riverside Ave. Cemetery.

Citizens should notify the police if they see removing or damaging of gravestones.

ELAINE VARLEY, Clerk

HELEN A. BROWN

ARTHUR MORTON

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT ON CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 1/1/78	Interest 6/30/78	Balance 6/30/78
Harriet M. Briggs	\$200.00	\$237.21	\$5.33	\$242.54
Submit Babbitt	150.00	203.44	4.58	208.02
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	160.01	3.59	163.60
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	322.39	7.24	329.63
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	165.53	3.72	169.25
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	123.40	2.78	126.18
Bliss-Arthur Hathaway	200.00	271.71	6.10	277.81
Nancy Jones	150.00	221.22	4.97	226.19
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	191.81	4.30	196.11
Martha L. Smith	50.00	54.80	1.20	56.00
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	156.81	3.52	160.33
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	853.71	19.18	872.89
Joseph Gooding	142.75	150.87	3.38	154.25
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	122.42	2.73	125.15
William Walker	250.00	261.45	5.85	267.30
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	132.54	2.97	135.51
George H. Horton	100.00	125.96	2.82	128.78
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	210.42	4.73	215.15
Gilbert Strange	300.00	326.91	7.33	334.24
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	164.19	3.69	167.88
Emery White	200.00	228.54	5.13	233.67
Emeline Williams	100.00	115.89	2.60	118.49
Charles E. Carr	500.00	689.78	21.74	711.52
Isabelle Snow	100.00	101.32	3.18	104.50
N. Allen Walker	150.98	176.59	5.55	182.14
Briggs Lot	125.00	136.66	3.06	139.72
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	7457.56	167.49	7625.05
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	340.99	7.65	348.64
David W. Francis	100.00	165.91	3.74	169.65
Albert F. Goff	50.00	53.35	1.68	55.03
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	371.24	8.33	379.57
George E. Francis	100.00	267.04	6.01	273.05
Benjamin W. Goff	100.00	185.17	4.17	189.34
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	168.75	3.79	172.54
Ephira Goff	100.00	154.69	3.46	158.15

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 1/1/78	Interest 6/30/78	Balance 6/30/78
Truman Goff	100.00	190.26	4.27	194.53
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	450.88	10.13	461.01
John H. Harlow	100.00	143.71	3.21	146.92
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	149.81	3.36	153.17
John H. Horton	100.00	169.24	3.80	173.04
Nelson Horton	100.00	245.42	5.51	250.93
Job Paull	100.00	218.40	4.91	223.31
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	160.59	3.60	164.19
Etta Westcott	100.00	187.88	4.20	192.08
Westcott & McNally	200.00	298.42	6.70	305.12
Francis H. Wheeler	100.00	173.08	3.88	176.96
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	138.04	3.09	141.13
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	162.15	3.63	165.78
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	92.91	2.91	95.82
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	128.04	2.87	130.91
Nathan Walker	100.00	108.53	2.42	110.95
Wendell Weed	100.00	104.03	2.33	106.36
Williams Lot	100.00	285.61	6.52	292.13
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	555.58	12.49	568.07
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	270.55	6.07	276.62
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot	200.00	276.08	6.20	282.28
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	226.20	5.08	231.28
Smith Kay Lot	500.00	574.14	12.90	587.04
Smith Burying Ground	50.00	113.68	2.56	116.24
Horton-Paull	200.00	222.74	7.00	229.74
Bennett Lot	200.00	215.99	4.82	220.81
Ernest H. Smith	200.00	200.35	6.30	206.65

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JURY LIST 1978 - 1979

Name	Address	Occupation
William F. Ashcroft	713 Spring St.	Leadman
Mary L. Bennett	1688 Elm St.	Housewife
Carol M. Bosse	263 Walker St.	Insurance Underwriter
Jean Boyden	241 Bedford St.	Principal Clerk
Elizabeth Buchanan	215 Chase St.	Clerk
William P. Campos	1118 Cedarwood Cir.	Auditor
Howell S. Carr	2666 Elm St.	School Bus Driver
John J. Cassidy	2298 Pleasant St.	Retired
Robert C. Chadwick	307 Forest St.	Postal Clerk
Mae Christiansen	2060 Chestnut St.	At Home
Rudolph C. Christenson	1906 Elm St.	Florist
John Cobb	481 Main St.	Retired
Ann P. Collins	205 Baylies St.	Prod. Tester Inspector "B"
Carol A. Collins	1177 Cedarwood Cir.	Unemployed
Mary L. Costa	1841 Elm St.	Housewife
Joyce C. Donovan	2359 Horton St.	Unemployed
Angelina C. Duarte	145 North St.	Housewife
Judith M. Ferry	741 Main St.	Housewife
William D. Frenette	563 Hart St.	Kennel Owner
Martina B. Grover	1358 Williams St.	Part Time School Teacher
Inez Hartley	63 Forest St.	Accounts Payable Supervisor
Edith Harwood	181 Winter St.	Housewife
David J. Hjerpe	1604 Wellington St.	Engineering Supervisor
Richard E. Holbrook	237 Baylies St.	Accountant-Controller
Lois Hubbard	216 Andrews St.	Teacher
Lester Lassen	2168 Pleasant St.	Retired
Paul B. Lassen	2158 Pleasant St.	Auto Dealer
Edward L. Lebreque	221 Pearl St.	Real Estate Broker
Elvira M. Levinson	269 Walker St.	Housewife
Adelaide Marques	2199 Purchase St.	Clerical Work - Asst. Superv.
Norma Masciarelli	1376 Somerset Ave.	Homemaker
Edward F. McCarthy	206 Lincoln Ave.	Bronze Moldmaker
Helen S. McCarthy	235 Bedford St.	Retired
Margaret McKim	966 Main St.	Localizer
Mary Lou McMullen	233 Pearl St.	Clerk
Lawrence Mendoza	1971 Elm St.	Greenhouse Partner
Peter A. Michalenka	1220 Smith St.	Sr. Programmer/Analyst
Ralph N. Moschella, Sr.	2343 Chestnut St.	Sr. Buyer
Dorothy L. O'Connor	641 School St.	Retired
Francis G. O'Connor	641 School St.	Retired
Philip R. Perra	356 Swansea Drive	Ass't Treas./Savings Dept.
Virgil M. Pontes	1559 Wheeler St.	Machinist Foreman
Gerard W. Ratte	116 Walker St.	Underwriting Advisor
Dolores A. Rebelló	1551 Maple St.	Jewelry Assembler
Richard P. Rodier	236 Bedford St.	Leadman
Anna Mae Rose	505 Center St.	Housewife
Charles A. E. Sears, Jr.	2440 Wellington St.	Retired
Raul Silva	1098 Tremont St.	Farm Flower Grower
John V. Sloan	1624 Old Wil'ms St.	Retired
Caryle J. Stonstrom	1792 Horton St.	Housewife
Margaret M. Strange	272 Lincoln Ave.	Order Entry Clerk
Keith Thomson	722 Oak St.	2nd Class Fireman
Edward T. Watson	2487 Chestnut St.	Locomotive Engineer
Rebecca B. Webster	1524 Wellington St.	Teacher
William L. White	225 Chase St.	Postal Clerk
Clifford A. Wood	2619 Wellington St.	Associate Prof. of English
Gail E. Wood	1392 Pine St.	Housewife

JURORS DRAWN IN 1978

January 11, 1978

Harry Hagopian, 539 Spring St., Non-working partner in
Free-Lance Court Stenographer

John B. Smith, 235 Walker St., Retired

Gladys M. Costa, 683 Somerset Ave., At Home

Albert A. Peterson, 1543 Cedar St., Retired

Delmar Neuymmer, 126 Main St., Machinist

February 22, 1978

Barbara L. Calpin, 1771 Walker St., Secretary

Norman E. Courcy, 1188 Cedarwood Circle, Sales Engineer

March 15, 1978

Elizabeth C. Cole, 2688 Horton St., Housewife

Merlyn E. Dutra, 2444 Winthrop St., At Home

Thaddeus Swakon, 192 Forest St., Machinist

April 12, 1978

Alton H. Cole, 2688 Horton St., Credit Manager & Sales
Representative

Irene M. Brooks, 625 Park St., Office Clerk

May 10, 1978

Barbara Harvey, 954 Hart St., Housewife

Antone Compos, 2575 Elm St., Office Manager

Anna L. Smith, 2035 Walker St., Packer

David Cordeiro, 876 Autumn St., Printer

June 14, 1978

Barbara Ratte, 116 Walker St., Clerk

Patricia O'Connell, 255 Prospect St., School Bus Driver

August 23, 1978

Marjorie Strang, 272 Lincoln Ave., Order Entry Clerk

September 13, 1978

Gerard Ratte, 116 Walker St., Underwriting Advisor
Virgil M. Pontes, 1559 Wheeler St., Machinist
Rebecca Webster, 1524 Wellington St., Teacher
Lawrence Mendoza, 1971 Elm St., Greenhouse Partner
Francis O'Connor, 641 School St., Retired
Keith Thomson, 722 Oak St., 2nd Class Fireman
John B. Sloan, 624 Old Wellington St., Retired

October 11, 1978

William Frenette, 563 Hart St., Kennel Owner
Rudolph C. Christenson, 1906 Elm St., Florist

November 15, 1978

Lois Hubbard, 216 Andrews St., Teacher

December 13, 1978

Philip R. Perra, 356 Swanee Drive, Asst. Treasurer Sav-
ings Dept.
Helen G. McCarthy, 235 Bedford St., Retired

December 20, 1978

Angelina C. Duarte, 145 North St., Housewife

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1977	\$ 694,831.14
Total Receipts June 1978—General Cash	4,616,111.23
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	\$5,310,942.37
Selectmen's Warrants June 1978	\$4,839,392.67
Balance in Treasury June 1978	471,549.70
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	\$5,310,942.37

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance in Treasury June 1977	\$ 21,899.03
Funds Received June 1978	91,094.00
Invested Funds Interest Received	1,345.77
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	\$ 114,338.80
Total Warrants June 1978	\$ 90,000.00
Balance in Treasury June 1978	24,338.80
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	\$ 114,338.80

HUD FUNDS

Total Receipts June 1978	\$ 43,300.00
Selectmen's Warrants 1978	41,966.81
Balance in Treasury June 1978	1,333.19
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	\$ 43,300.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
REAL ESTATE						
Outstanding 6/30/77				6,931.00	32,257.51	1,712,613.80
Commitment						1,186.32
Added Interest				408.74	1,040.67	
Demands				15.00	72.00	20.00
Refund Abatements					388.68	1,812.75
Total				<u>7,354.74</u>	<u>33,758.86</u>	<u>1,715,632.87</u>
Paid Treasurer				4,459.04	23,803.21	1,611,680.64
Abatements					683.88	66,461.41
Tax Titles				2,233.50	1,867.14	4,038.76
Taxes in Litigation				662.20	575.64	
Balance due 6/30/78					6,828.99	33,452.06
Total				<u>7,354.74</u>	<u>33,758.86</u>	<u>1,715,632.87</u>
PERSONAL PROPERTY						
Outstanding 6/30/77			32.80	80.85	138.38	219,984.45
Commitment						
Added Interest				3.59	2.54	36.99
Demands				2.00	2.00	3.00
Total			<u>32.80</u>	<u>86.44</u>	<u>142.92</u>	<u>220,024.44</u>

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	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Paid Treasurer Abatements				40.24	81.42	217,838.52
Balance due 6/30/78			32.80	46.20	61.50	737.00
Total			<u>32.80</u>	<u>86.44</u>	<u>142.92</u>	<u>220,024.44</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding 6/30/77	2.21	386.01	1,670.87	4,632.85	18,926.34	50,403.52
Commitments				3,050.31	71,173.81	146,557.16
Added Interest		.46		8.08	211.03	
Demands		2.00		158.00	453.00	128.00
Refund Abatements				77.27	1,660.04	1,045.79
Total	<u>2.21</u>	<u>388.47</u>	<u>1,670.87</u>	<u>4,659.93</u>	<u>123,901.40</u>	<u>147,730.95</u>

Paid Treasurer Abatements		25.56		612.26	13,381.74	92,092.21
Balance due 6/30/78	150.98	1,191.91	1,651.20	5,750.48	11,324.46	10,432.31
Total	<u>2.20</u>	<u>211.93</u>	<u>478.96</u>	<u>3,250.96</u>	<u>20,484.73</u>	<u>25,638.75</u>
	<u>2.20</u>	<u>388.47</u>	<u>1,670.87</u>	<u>22,383.18</u>	<u>123,901.40</u>	<u>147,730.95</u>

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

REAL ESTATE

Outstanding 6/30/77				974.58	3,861.89	
Commitment						108,467.84

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	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Added Interest				97.21	123.59	91.83
Demands				13.00	66.00	12.00
Refund Abatements						70.59
Total				<u>1,084.79</u>	<u>4,051.48</u>	<u>108,642.26</u>
Paid Treasurer				946.04	2,954.87	105,360.03
Abatements						267.54
Tax Titles				138.75	237.72	261.30
Taxes in Litigation					65.52	
Balance due 3/30/78					793.37	2,753.39
Total				<u>1,084.79</u>	<u>4,051.48</u>	<u>108,642.26</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Outstanding 6/30/77						
Commitment						10,514.73
Added Interest				.41	.06	1.87
Demands				2.00	1.00	1.00
Total			<u>3.54</u>	<u>12.13</u>	<u>9.81</u>	<u>10,517.60</u>

	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Paid Treasurer				6.58	2.81	10,335.12
Abatements						71.50
Balance due 6/30/78			3.54	5.55	7.00	110.98
Total			<u>3.54</u>	<u>12.13</u>	<u>9.81</u>	<u>10,517.60</u>

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT
REAL ESTATE

Outstanding 6/30/77				42.31	420.55	12,652.56
Commitment						
Added Interest				2.59	14.03	11.79
Demands				5.00	47.00	14.00
Refund Abatements					7.16	15.11
Total				<u>49.90</u>	<u>488.74</u>	<u>12,693.46</u>

Paid Treasurer				33.34	356.18	12,332.17
Abatements						22.00
Tax Titles				16.56	23.12	25.15
Taxes in Litigation					8.41	
Balance due 6/30/78					101.03	314.14
Total				<u>49.90</u>	<u>488.74</u>	<u>12,693.46</u>

1973

1974

1974-75

1975-76

1976-77

1977-78

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT
PERSONAL PROPERTY

Outstanding 6/30/77

Commitment

Added Interest

Demands

Total

Paid Treasurer

Abatement

Balance due 6/30/78

Total

.32

1.21

1.13

1,377.38

.09

1.00

.32

3.21

2.13

1,378.47

2.52

1.23

1,351.80

.32

.69

.90

10.45

16.22

.32

3.21

2.13

1,378.47

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT
REAL ESTATE

Outstanding 6/30/77

Commitment

Added Interest

Demands

Refunds

Total

79.60

332.04

12,906.67

9.06

6.16

10.41

2.00

10.00

2.00

90.66

348.20

49.56

12,968.64

	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Paid Treasurer						
Abatements				90.66	255.80	12,682.00
Balance due 6/30/78					92.40	16.82
Total				<u>90.66</u>	<u>348.20</u>	<u>12,968.64</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Commitment	1,279.91	
Refund	<u>.47</u>	
Total	<u>1,280.38</u>	
Paid Treasurer	1,279.19	
Balance due 6/30/78	<u>1.19</u>	
Total	<u>1,280.38</u>	

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The year of 1978 was a busy, controversial and yet progressive year for Dighton. The final winter months saw us faced with very serious, near disastrous weather which caused havoc with our roadways, inconvenienced our citizens and generally delayed the usual course of events, but Dighton continued on a forward path.

The Selectmen's office began its year with the appointment of a new Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Dupont, who replaced Mrs. Leah Crosby upon her retirement January 1. By now many of you no doubt met and/or talked with Mrs. Dupont, whose dedication to learning and fulfilling her new duties well has proved an asset to us all. We are glad to have her with us.

January of 1978, with its floods and a major snowstorm, and February, 1978, with its historic blizzard, put all of Dighton's personnel and resources to a difficult test—and they came through with flying colors. The Civil Defense Department under Director Ronald O'Connor, the Fire Department, Highway Department, and Police Department, all worked in rescuing residents and minimizing the impact of winter floods on seriously effected areas along the Taunton River.

In February with the arrival of the "great blizzard," Dighton's personnel, including C.D. volunteers, again gave their all in an effort to protect our town and its citizens. The National Guard troops, called in due to the State of Emergency, assisted from headquarters in the Police Station, using 4-wheel drive vehicles to transport nurses and doctors, carry necessary foodstuffs and medicines to isolated citizens and generally assist a very overtaxed police department. Police officers mounted snowmobiles and traveled through the snow-clogged streets and byways attending to the needs of Dightonians. Our emergency medical crew and the fire department

responded whenever called upon, risking their own safety for the protection of us all. The highway department, aided by our supplementary independent plowing contractors and also by bulldozers called into service for the emergency, worked around the clock with little or no rest, attempting to clear our roadways and to prevent people from being isolated from necessary emergency services. The Board of Selectmen was "on deck" also—24 hours a day for the duration of the emergency situation. Chairman Ed Santos traveled the town in a 4-wheel drive vehicle, watching over snow-clearing operations and checking to be sure that all plowing crews were safe (since only our town trucks are equipped with radio communications.) He worked in cooperation with Highway Sup't Alfred Perry, who himself participated in the actual plowing operations, as well as manning the Highway Department radio communication. Mr. Terry and Mrs. Adams stood by their phones, fielding questions and responding to telephone and radio requests for information and assistance. As the storm abated, both Mr. Terry and Mrs. Adams spent some hours riding with Mr. Santos in an effort to keep an accurate account of the situation and be able to address problems as they arose.

A number of Disaster Aid meetings, including one with Rep. Margaret Heckler, addressed the problem of financial assistance, and the Town ultimately realized \$7,044.75 in reimbursements for snow removal.

On a more routine basis, the Board participated in 46 regular Selectmen's meetings, and 84 additional meetings, including 18 meetings dealing specifically with Dighton's sewerage problem. We also participated in four seminars on the following topics: Human Services; Grievance Administration and Arbitration; Grantsmanship and General Revenue Sharing.

In addition, there were five regular contract negotiation meetings and one mediation meeting relative to the 1978-1980 Police Department Contract. Despite the fact that this contract has been signed, its interpretation remains in contention, and has been submitted for arbitration by the officers involved. That arbitration is tentatively scheduled for March,

1979. The Highway Department Contract for 1978-1980 was negotiated in a single meeting to the satisfaction of all concerned, and has been signed and implemented without any problems.

Our additional meetings included such topics as Flood Plain Insurance, 808 Zoning, General Revenue Sharing, Gypsy Moth and Mosquito Control, Police Department Matters, including Police Mutual Aid, as well as one Police Department Arbitration case in Boston, and the Taunton River Corridor Study—particularly with concern for the Dighton-Berkley Bridge, to name just a few.

We have also participated in the meetings of the School Building Needs Committee as these dedicated people seek to find a direction from which to address our school space needs. Mr. Santos has acted as the Selectmen's voting representative to this committee. As a result of his efforts it has become known that additional land adjacent to the Elementary School is available to the Town for purchase for school purposes, perhaps as a leaching area. The School Committee has been given this information together with a request for their recommendation. At present, indications are that they believe that this purchase would be a prudent move for the Town to make.

During 1978 the Albert Reed Addition to the Community Center at Lincoln Village was completed. Dedication of this addition to Mr. Reed took place on December 17, 1978. The addition was funded with a HUD Community Development Block Grant obtained by the Selectmen. This grant has now been completed.

We are pleased to report the expanded function of the Council on Aging, which now employs a part-time Co-ordinator and maintains an office at the Lincoln Village Community Center. The dedicated people involved deserve our appreciation.

On a similar note, the Planning Board now employs a part-time clerk and has its own telephone, a direction of some relief to our already very busy secretary; and this should ultimately assist this most important part-time board in pro-

viding even better service to taxpayers than it has been able to provide in the past.

This year has been seen the demise of two Federal programs which have benefitted Dighton. Title II Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance funds were not revoted by the last congressional session, so that program has terminated. It did provide funds for Dighton which were used in conjunction with continuation of existing services in the Highway Department and the Sanitary Landfill, among others. The CETA program, which is still providing us with five employees until their service time expire at different points in 1979, has no more positions available at present; and it seems probable that this may not be available to us in 1979. The Highway Department will be heavily impacted by this, since it has been supplemented by CETA personnel for an extended period of time, and presently employs three men under the Title VI program.

With the additional complement of men, our Highway Department under the direction of Sup't. Alfred M. Perry, and following the pattern established by this Board, has completed the reconstruction of Maple St. and a portion of Oak St. at a great savings to the Town.

In addition, important drainage projects have been done on Muddy Cove Lane, Williams Street, Middle Street, Smith Street, among others. It had been our intention to complete drainage work to eliminate hazardous areas on Williams Street north of Wellington Street and on Pine Street. However, we have encountered problems in obtaining drainage easements from property owners in these areas, so these problems remain remain unsolved. We sincerely hope that this winter will not see a serious accident occur in any of these places, and that perhaps we can be more successful in addressing these problems in 1979.

Also in conjunction with highway problems, this Board has again written to the State to try to obtain permission for installation of a stoplight at the intersection of Center Street and Route 138, where more than 80 accidents have occurred in the last three years. As of this writing, we have had no response to our request.

A new section of sidewalk was installed on School Street, North Dighton, from the V.F.W. hall to Lincoln Avenue, in response to a number of requests. This follows the pattern of our continuing annual sidewalk improvement program.

An audit of Town financial records conducted by the firm of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells of Boston found our records in order and required no adjusting bookkeeping entries. This speaks very highly for the dedicated individuals who are responsible for these records—Mrs. Doris Hopkins, Town Accountant, and Mr. Frank R. Rogers, Town Treasurer and Collector and his staff, Miss Rose and Mrs. Boegler. In a time when fiscal management and accounting problems are forefront considerations, Dighton is very fortunate to have the services of these highly competent and conscientious people.

In the late summer Mrs. Judy Ferry resigned as Selectmen's representative to SRPEDD. Judy did an excellent job and we were sorry to lose her. However, Mr. Allan Campbell is now filling that position, and we are pleased to have his services.

Despite an attempt to rescind the decision of the voters at the Annual Town Meeting to construct a new Town Office Building, A Special Town Meeting called on a petition for reconsideration failed to rescind that action. A great deal of concern for the ability of a Town Meeting to make a definitive decision was raised when that Special Town Meeting was requested more than 3 months after the original decision had been voted. This is a concern which should perhaps be addressed by creating a Town By-Law limiting the time during which a reconsideration of a vote may be called. State Statute provides a 20-day limit for reconsideration of decisions in cities, but leaves Towns the option of placing their own restrictions.

At any rate, the new Town Office Building contract has been awarded to Bailey Building Company of East Providence, Rhode Island, and construction has started. We hope that it will be ready for occupancy by Fall of 1979. This forward step toward addressing Dighton's present and future govern-

ment needs is a very positive direction for the Town. We sincerely hope that the near future will provide even those people who opposed this construction the opportunity to see for themselves the value it will hold for us all. In the final analysis, a community which is growing as Dighton is growing must progress to keep up with the requirements of that growth. Meanwhile, plans to reconstruct the tennis courts on property on Route 138 adjacent to the Police Station are being implemented. The site is being prepared by the Highway Department. It is planned that there will be three courts instead of the previous two, and that one will have a backboard so that a person may practice his tennis game alone.

The sewerage problem continues to face us as a Town issue. A Facilities Plan has been completed by Tibbetts Engineering Corporation, and a draft has been submitted to Water Pollution Control and Environmental Protection Agency. A preliminary discussion of the Facilities Plan took place with these agencies in December, 1978. The court-mandated implementation schedule required submission of the final Facilities Plan by December 6, 1978. However in view of extenuating circumstances surrounding the award of Step One Grant monies, the Attorney General's office has allowed us an extension of time, not to extend past January 31, 1979, for that submission. A Public Hearing on the issues is slated for January 4, 1979, and a Special Town Meeting on January 22 will address the problem. At that meeting votes will be sought on the tie-in with the City of Taunton and construction of our collection system, together with a request for Step 2 & 3 Construction Grants monies, among other considerations. We sincerely hope that the Town will vote favorably on this issue, for the impact of possible fines could prove devastating to the Town should the result be negative.

The foregoing statements touch on some highlights of the year of 1978. Much, much more could be included in covering the work done by the Board of Selectmen. Our routine duties concerned with day to day problems and decisions, maintaining a continuous overview of Dighton's fiscal condition, issuing licenses and permits, researching and following statutes as they apply to everyday situations are far too numerous to list herein.

We sincerely thank all of the officials who help carry on the day to day workings of the Town of Dighton. Our special appreciation goes to Town Counsel Peter B. Gay, upon whom we call with greater frequency than ever before in the face of the many statutory provisions with which we must comply.

Again we must mention the fact that Dighton shall soon have to consider the possibility of a town administrative position, since the requirements of day to day government become more complex moment by moment.

Our thanks to the citizens of Dighton for your continuing cooperation and interest in your Town. This year, a few people have come to us to indicate an interest in participating on committees, etc. We encourage anyone who may have a desire to serve your Town to please notify us so that we may call upon you as needs arise.

EDWARD J. SANTOS

MYRNA D. ADAMS

CHARLES P. TERRY

Board of Selectmen

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1978

The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

New Houses	19	Sanitation Permits	42
Garages	14	Sausage Permit	1
Swimming Pools	5	Garbage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	62	Rubbish Permit	1
Additions & Alterations	17	Gas Storage Permit	1
Demolishing	2	Electrical Permits	72
Gravel Permits	8	Disposal Work	
Plumbing Permits	95	Installers Permit	16

The following licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:

Common Victualler	4	(Food)	7
Retail Package Store	2	Oyster Privilege	1
Motor Vehicle Licenses:		Wine & Malt	1
Class I	1	Temporary Beer & Wine	35
Class II	10	Lord's Day Sale	8
Class III	2	Lord's Day	
Denatured Alcohol	5	Entertainment	38
Auctioneer	4	Oleomargarine	4
Food Service		Milk, Store	5
Establishment	36	Milk, Vehicle	5
Camps, Cabins & Motels	1	Junk Collector	1
Common Victualler			

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. for August 4, 1978 through November 30, 1978, which included 62 days of matinees; to Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from August 26, 1978 through September 4, 1978.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on seven (7) Sundays during the year 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR N. DUPONT,
Secretary to the Board

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1978.

Arrests: Malicious Destruction 2; B/E in the Daytime 2; B/E in the Night time 3; Motor Vehicle theft 2; Assault 1; Assault on a Police Officer 1; Assault with a dangerous weapon 1; Operating under the influence 20; Drug Charges 4; Protective Custody 17; Forgery of Pari Mutual Ticket 2; Trespassing 1; Disorderly Person 1; Lewd and Lascivious 1; Default Warrants 5.

Summons and Warrants Served	81
Complaints	1,544
Requests	1,837

Investigations 79; Accidents 134; Vandalism 142; Stolen Motor Vehicles 18; Recovered Motor Vehicles 10; Bomb Scare 1; Larceny Under 18; Larceny Over 36; Attempted Larceny 9; B/E in the Daytime 14; B/E in the Night time 21; B/E of a Business 8; Attempted B/E 8; Missing Persons 26; Missing Persons Located 26; Property Recoverd 13; DOA's 8; Suicide 1; Attempted Suicide 2; Assault 1; Assault on a Police Officer 1.

Permits Granted: License to Carry a Firearm 93; License to Sell Firearms 3; Gunsmith License 3; License to Sell Ammo 1; FID cards 49.

Officers attended classes in K-9 Training, Crime Reporting, Narcotics and Safety. Firemen Raymond Costa, Charles Richardson and Jeffrey Allie conducted a First Responder's Course for all full time and reserve officers. Ten classes were held covering emergency child birth, CPR and advanced first aid.

Programs were held for the Dighton Lion's Club and all area schools. A Drug Awareness Night was held in conjunction with the Taunton Substance Abuse Commission. The Rec-

recreation Department was assisted in showing films at Lincoln Village. A bicycle registration and bike rodeo were held in May. Kindergarten, first grade students, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies toured our station.

A very successful drive, spear headed by the Lion's Club, raised money for the purchase of Jaws of Life. Thanks to the response from the citizens and businessmen in our community, a project which was expected to take at least a year was accomplished in a few months.

February 1978 will be remembered as "The Storm". Members of the National Guard were housed at our station from Feb. 6 through Feb. 12th. The men and their vehicles were made available to us to assist in anyway we deemed necessary. They assisted in getting medicine and supplies to shut-ins and in transporting nurses and key personnel to hospitals and nursing homes in Taunton, Fall River, Swansea and Attleboro. This was done on a round the clock basis. My thanks to Mrs. Gilbert Lopes, Mrs. Antone Compos, Mrs. Thomas Rose, Jr., Mrs. Judith Kennedy and Mrs. Manuel Botelho for the food they sent to the station during the storm. Also to be remembered are the many town residents who offered their snowmobiles and four wheel drive vehicles. These were used to transport medicine and supplies to areas impassable to the cruisers.

Members of the Dighton Junior Garden Club planted flowers in our flower boxes during the summer. Our station was decorated with wreaths made by these youngsters over the Christmas Holidays.

Purchases during the year included air conditioners, a cruiser with all necessary equipment, a movie projector, typewriter and camera.

At this time I want to thank the Officers, Town Officials and the State Police for their cooperation. Not to be forgotten are the various Town Departments—always ready to help when called upon.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL K. SPRATT, JR.,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my tenth Annual Report of the Dighton Fire Department as required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Fire Department answered 564 calls during 1978, including 376 Ambulance calls.

A breakdown of Fire Calls is as follows:

15—Accident Cleanup	12—Grass
2—Assist Police	5—Investigation
13—Automobile	4—Mutual Aid, Out
1—Bomb Scare	11—Needless Call
2—Box Alarm	25—Public Service
20—Brush	2—Rescue
8—Building (other than dwelling)	24—Standby
27—Dwelling	1—Truck
6—Dump	4—Unpermitted Burning
3—False	3—Wires down

Approximate figures of Materials and Equipment Used:

Water from Booster Tanks	26,925 gallons
Booster Hose	16,400 feet
1 1/8" Forestry Hose	6,400 feet
1 1/2" Hose	2,700 feet
2 1/2" Hose	4,050 feet
Ladders	282 feet

Permits Issued:

Open-air burning, 344; Blasting, 3; Oil Storage, 40; Black powder storage, 3; L.P. Gas, 11; Model Rocket, 3.

Inspections:

All inspections have been made in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 143 of all buildings licensed by and under the supervision of the Department of Public Health.

The Fire Department answered 376 Ambulance calls during 1978, as follows:

- 241—Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
- 5—Ste. Anne's Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 7—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 13—Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 2—Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro, Mass.
- 1—Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 2—Pondville Hospital, Norfolk, Mass.
- 1—Lakeville Hospital, Lakeville, Mass.
- 1—Davis-Parke V.A., Providence, R.I.
- 1—Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 1—V.A. Hospital, W. Roxbury, Mass.
- 5—Main Orth. & Pros. Lab., Brockton, Mass.
- 1—University Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Lahey Clinic, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Women's Lying-in Hosp., Boston, Mass.
- 4—Dighton Nursing Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 7—Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
- 1—Longmeadow Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
- 1—Green Pastures Nursing, Middleboro, Mass.
- 35—Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 5—Box Alarm
- 3—Mutual Aid
- 36—Needless Call
- 7—D.O.A.

330 Patients Handled

I wish to thank those members of the Dighton Fire Department who have been so dedicated in manning the Ambulance during the past year.

The following is a list of Call Firefighters on the Official Roster of the Department as of 31 December 1978:

Allen, Joseph B.	Katon, John
Atwood, Herbert	Lavigne, George
Babbitt, Beth B.	Marks, Michael E.
Ball, George W.	Mason, Charles, Jr.
Bettencourt, Jon	Motta, Russell J.
Botelho, Manuel R.	Pavao, Manuel
Bouchard, Leo J.	Perry, James H.
Bradbury, Paul W.	Perry, Joseph, Jr.
Brightman, Alan B.	Perry, Roger
Burr, Robert G.	Perry, William J.
Carr, Howell, Jr.	Plunkett, George W.
Coelho, Jerome	Rines, Philip H., Sr.
Cox, Ralph E.	Rivet, Richard
Dermody, Robert B.	Rose, Francis
Dupont, David	Rose, Gilbert, Jr.
Enos, Albert, Jr.	Sears, Charles, Jr.
Ferry, William R.	Sherman, Robert B.
Fleck, Joseph W.	Siedentopf, Bruce
Fleming, William, Sr.	Silvia, Alvin
Fournier, Normand R.	Spratt, Karl K., Jr.
Gailes, Joseph R.	Spring, William E.
Hamilton, Richard E.	Staples, Arnold F.
Holmes, William O.	Strange, Ellis, Jr.
Horton, Maynard, F., Sr.	Torres, Peter K.
Horton, Maynard F., Jr.	Waller, Greg J.
Horton, Wayne J.	Waller, Joseph, Jr.
Katon, Antone	Waller, Keith E.

Full Time Firemen

Allie, Jeffrey J., Costa, Raymond J., Richardson, Charles S.

This past year another member of the Department became a E.M.T.A. Fireman Albert Enos must be congratulated for his achievement.

In the past few years E.M.T.A. courses have been made available free of charge to the Town through Federal and State funds. In the future all such classes will have to be funded by the Fire Department.

Last year I reported that the Town should consider replacing the 1946 Maxim. I now recommend that this Engine be replaced.

I also recommend to the Town for consideration that funds be made available for the full-time position of Chief of the Fire Department.

The duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief no longer can be done on a part-time schedule.

This request for funding will be brought to the Town at the Annual Meeting in May, 1979.

On 30 December 1978 the Fire Department did execute the safe rescue of a man in the ice-covered Taunton River. A Letter of Appreciation has been filed in behalf of all those who aided in the rescue.

Separate Letters of Commendation were presented by both the Fire Chief and the Board of Selectmen to the crew of the Department rescue Boat.

Lt. James H. Perry, Lt. Manuel F. Botelho and Fireman Albert Enos were so recognized.

Firefighting and the Training of First Responders in First Aid continues on a regular schedule through the year under the supervision of Deputies Joseph Waller and George W. Ball.

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Fire Department for their dedication to duty.

I also wish to thank Police Chief Karl K. Spratt, Superintendent of Streets Alfred Perry and the members of their Departments for their cooperation.

I also thank the Board of Selectmen for their understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Board of Health for 1978 has been organized as follows: Chairman, Myrna D. Adams; Clerk, Charles P. Terry; Member Edward J. Santos. We have responded insofar as possible to the questions and needs of the taxpayers with the very capable aid of our Sanitation Inspector, Leo Duffy. The Town of Dighton is indeed fortunate to have the services of this highly competent and concerned gentleman, and we thank you, Leo, for your continuing contribution. Mr. Duffy's report is published separately in this booklet.

Also published separately is the Report of the Plumbing Inspector, Mr. Donald French who, aided by his assistant Mr. John DeCambra, is called upon to inspect all new and replacement plumbing installations in Dighton. We very much appreciate the time and effort expended in this area, which increases as new home construction continues to be frequent in Dighton.

Immunization Clinics have been conducted by Mrs. Carolyn Booth, R.N. and Dr. Charles M. Souza, for Dighton children. The Report of the School Nurse lists in detail these clinics and their results. Flu clinics for senior citizens and Town employees were also conducted by Mrs. Booth. Her dedication is greatly appreciated.

The Rubbish Pickup and Sanitary Landfill are subjects which often find citizens calling the Selectmen's Office for information. In that regard, we have decided to include in this report the Trash Pickup Schedule and Refuse and Brush Schedules for the Sanitary Landfill Area. Please note that the TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE is for once a week pickup only, since there is a possibility that the double summer schedule may be discontinued in 1979. The final decision on this will be published in the newspapers when it is reached.

TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

MONDAY: Center Street and South

TUESDAY: North of Center Street

WEDNESDAY: All of Williams Street and West and
North of Williams Street

On weeks when there is a Monday Holiday
all collections will be one day later.

SANITARY LANDFILL SCHEDULE

**LANDFILL OPEN TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS
(IDENTIFICATION CARD REQUIRED) AT THE
FOLLOWING TIMES:**

MONDAYS 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

TUESDAYS 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**BRUSH ACCEPTED ONLY ON 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH.**

**ALL RUBBISH MUST BE CONTAINED IN BOXES OR
BAGS.**

NO LOOSE PAPER ACCEPTED.

NO CHEMICALS ACCEPTED.

NO MORE THAN 3 TIRES ACCEPTED AT ONE TIME.

**DUMPING OF TRASH PERMITTED ONLY IN DESIG-
NATED AREAS OF LANDFILL. THE ATTENDANT WILL
POINT OUT THE AREA FOR DUMPING.**

During 1978, the Board of Health was able to obtain as a gift from Dighton Industries that portion of the landfill site which belonged to that firm and which the Town has been allowed to utilize in the past. We wish to thank Dighton Industries and Mr. Joseph Coelho for their generous consideration of the needs of Dighton's citizens in making this gift to the Town. As a result of this gift, the Town has been able to begin construction of the required equipment building,

waterline and telephone service as mandated for all approved Sanitary Landfill operations by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE). Ownership of this land also will probably allow us a somewhat expanded operational plan and could perhaps enable us to extend the life expectancy of the Landfill Area by two or three years. Without this expanded plan, our landfill would have become insufficient in 1979. A revised operational plan is being prepared by Mr. Allan Campbell, Engineer, for submission to DEQE in the immediate future.

At this point, we must remind citizens that the dumping of rubbish along roadways or anywhere other than the landfill area is illegal. Throughout the past year we have from time to time had problems of this nature and we sincerely hope that this reminder will serve to help to prevent such problems in the future.

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to making 1978 a generally healthy year for Dighton overall. Some problems such as heavy mosquito and gypsy moth infestation were not satisfactorily resolved anywhere in Southeastern Massachusetts this year, but hopefully 1979 will hold some more positive directions in that regard. At any rate, the Board of Health will continue to endeavor to meet the needs of our citizens to the best of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRNA D. ADAMS, Chairman

EDWARD J. SANTOS

CHARLES P. TERRY

Board of Health

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Town Moderator, Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Dighton:

The Finance Committee for 1978-1979 was organized by the Board of Selectmen and sworn in by the Town Clerk during the month of May.

The Finance Committee reviewed and acted upon all money articles within the warrants for the Annual Town Meeting and all Special Town Meetings. The committee held meetings with the Board of Selectmen to affect transfers from the Reserve Fund to cover unforeseen and emergency situations.

Three new members were appointed by the Town Moderator at the annual meeting. They are William Hubbard, Paul Hoffshire, and Walter Gonzalski.

The Finance Committee thanks their retiring members, Joseph Pacheco, Pamela Leach, and Robert Barboza, for their time and diligence.

The Committee thanks Mrs. Doris Hopkins, Town Accountant, and Mrs. Eleanor Dupont, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, for their help and assistance. We extend our gratitude to all Town Officials for their cooperation and understanding.

The Finance Committee welcomes citizens attendance and participation at their public hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND GAGNE, Chairman
WENDELL BRECHIN, Vice Chairman
WILLIAM HUBBARD, Secretary
CHARLES RODERIGUES
ERNEST ATWOOD II
PAUL HOFFSHIRE
WALTER GONZALSKI

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIST. (SRPEDD)

During 1978, the Town of Dighton continued its membership in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, a planning agency set up by state legislation to serve the communities in southeastern Massachusetts.

The District is governed by a Commission consisting of a chief elected official or a designee, and a planning board member from each municipality, and six minority and low-income representatives.

Dighton's Commission members are Alan Campbell, representing the Board of Selectmen, and Manuel Ferreira, representing the Planning Board. Dighton has also been represented on several advisory committees to the District Commission.

District staff under the guidance of the Commission and various committees prepares plans for southeastern Massachusetts on such subjects as land use, housing, transit, transportation, economic development, water quality and solid waste as required and funded by the state and federal governments. Preparation of certain regional reports enables communities to be eligible for state and federal funding.

Most of the District's time, however, is devoted to assisting cities and towns. Through the municipal assistance program each municipality receives a certain amount of time at no cost beyond the per capita assessment. Municipal assistance projects can include the following: Master Plans; Open Space and Recreation Plans; Subdivision Regulations; Landfill Inspections; Site Analyses for Proposed Development; Solid Waste Plans; Drainage Studies; Urban Renewal Plans; Home Rule Charters; Zoning Ordinances; Transportation Corridor Studies; Traffic Circulation Plans; and Industrial Survey Plans.

The District also serves as a conduit for information and assistance on federal programs such as Community Develop-

ment Block Grants or Public Works Projects and enables local officials to participate in state and federal policy making.

During 1978, the District assisted Dighton specifically by providing open space information and conducting a study on highway crossings of the Taunton River, including the Berkley-Dighton Bridge. The SRPEDD staff provided assistance to Dighton with the protection of the Town's groundwater, a source of water supply, and the disposal of wastes from septic systems. The staff also updated the Town's Zoning By-Laws as required by Chapter 808 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and is continuing to provide assistance in this area.

The District, in essence, represents the collective will of the cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. As the responsibilities and problems of the municipalities become increasingly complex, the agency can provide the necessary technical assistance, insure cooperation among municipalities, and provide for a comprehensive approach.

REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Dighton:

The Veterans Agent is available to assist any veteran or dependent in times of need. He is also available to assist in filing applications for pensions, compensations, educational and other benefits with the Veterans Administration.

This fiscal year has not shown an increase in the number of applicants for assistance as we have had in the past.

I am available at the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings to help and assist in any way I can.

I wish to thank town officials and staff for the fine cooperation which I have received.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,

Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission completed the research relative to the Town landing sometimes called the "Needles Landing" in the Town Records. Deed research by E. Otis Dyer has furnished a plan of ownership since 1699 showing several houses and businesses in this area. The research showed that the town sold this Landing in 1891 to the Railroad to develop a spur track to receive goods from the wharf on the river. It is hoped that the Town may regain about two acres of this beautiful place for a historical park.

The Commission has received as a gift from the Foxboro Historical Commission, two ledgers and other papers of John Walker who had a wharf and store, operating a shipping business along the Taunton River south of "Needles Landing" from 1794 to 1834. The ledgers contain many facts pertaining to living at that time with credit extended to his customers, and the hauling of goods, cotton and coal from the wharf to the Dighton Manufacturing Company. A box of family papers were also received containing the copy-books, of John Walker's children, that they used in school.

The Commission has not decided where this material should be kept in order that it may be available for research.

The Commission meets monthly to continue its recording of old homes and deeds research. Many interesting facts have been found in these deeds; such as "the Proprietors road leading to Zebulon Landing" in a 1777 deed. A place has been requested in the Town Office Building to display items of historical interest. We have received from Princess House lead crystal, representing the first glass they made in Dighton. Rosemar Silver Company has given a Paul Revere bowl symbolic of their first silverware made in Dighton.

CHARLES HARRIS, Chairman,
Dighton Historical Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Dighton:

The Dighton Council on Aging was established in 1974 with seven members appointed by the Selectmen. The board has now increased to eleven members. The board members have worked diligently to provide services for the elderly. As of December 1978, we have elected a Coordinator who will work in conjunction with the council officers. With the aide of the coordinator, our aim is to reach every senior citizen in Dighton to learn how we can better service their needs.

OFFICERS

Helen A. Lawrence, Chairman
Dr. Rose Borges, Vice Chairman
Joseph Cordeiro, Secretary
Francis McDermott, Treasurer
Bella Boucher, Social Services
Marguerite Pelletier, Health Programs
Thomas Webster, Bristol County Home Care
Lester Lassen
Theodore Ladd
Hannah Bonvie
Joseph R. Silvia

COORDINATOR

Charlotte R. Tavares

The services that we now have are available to all residents of Dighton who have reached the age of 60.

Drop-in Center, Lincoln Village—Wednesday 1:00 p.m. -
4:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screening Clinics—quarterly
Bristol County Home Care Services
Senior Citizens Identification Cards with photos
Weekly Shopping every Friday
Seasonal Pleasure Trips
Senior Citizen Booklets

Dietitian Services
Hot Lunch Program

In appreciation of the many kindnesses and cooperation that we have received from our town officials, we extend our sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. LAWRENCE,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There were one hundred nineteen (119) permits issued for the year 1978. Nineteen (19) for new homes, the remainder were for garages and breezeways, garages, repairs two (2) for complete renovations. Princess House had one (1) large building, three (3) small buildings. ICI Americas had four (4) permits, two (2) fairly large expansions and two (2) for small additions.

There were seven (7) permits from 1977 that were finished in 1978. Nine inspections for minor things and installation of stoves. There were five (5) complaints that were checked out.

Schools were inspected by the State Inspector and Mr. Horton. They were in fairly good shape and only minor repairs to be done.

Thirteen election (13) signs were taken down. These were not in conformity with the Town regulations.

I attended a five (5) day seminar in Amherst on the state building code.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD F. HORTON, SR.,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Dighton Civil Defense has continued to be active in local, state, and national radio and alert drills as required by the national office of Civil Preparedness.

We have attended the Area II seminars and meetings and updated the warning annexes and other plans for preparedness.

Dighton has been assigned as a high risk area in the event of a buildup of international tensions and plans have been made to move the population to a low risk area.

Thus far this fiscal year, we have had two flood tide watches, however, none indicated a necessary evacuation of low areas.

The Dighton Civil Defense was active on Operation Halloween Watch and assisted the Police Department on the weekend of Halloween.

The Civil Defense Dept. has recently acquired a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton 4 wheel drive vehicle to be used dually by the Street Dept. and Civil Defense in a national emergency. This vehicle has been overhauled and refinished by the men at the Street Dept.

I wish to thank the volunteers who have assisted me this year and especially Deputy Joseph Kaszyk, Mike Marks, Joe Medeiros, Bill Rose and Bruce Woodcock.

I also wish to thank my radio officer, Emery Lincoln, the Town Officials, Supt. of Streets, Police Chief, Fire Chief and the men in their Depts., Supt. of the Water Dept. and his men, the personnel at the Town Office, Communication Center personnel and everyone who has helped Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD F. O'CONNOR,
Civil Defense Director

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**ANNUAL REPORT - DIGHTON, MASS.****DECEMBER 31, 1978**

On June 30, 1979 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will complete twenty years of service to the Town of Dighton and nineteen othr communities in the county.

The Project again experienced another heavily infested mosquito season. Our ditching program was impeded as all trucks were pressed into service with mist blowers and ultra-low volume sprayers. Two of our trucks were also pressed into service on Saturdays.

The Project intends to add two more ultra-low volume sprayers during the coming mosquito season.

Despite the increase of the mosquito population, out of the four equine encephalitis cases reported in the county, only one case was confirmed.

Th Blizzard of February 6th added to the heavy infestation of mosquitos, as the snow melted, creating innumerable breeding areas that could not be reached for larviciding.

We finally began our larviciding program in April and 30 acres were treated before our sprayers were mounted on May 22nd.

The spraying season terminated on September 19th and our brook and ditch maintenance program got underway. This resulted in the reclamation of 2,500 feet of existing waterways and the removal of 2,150 feet of brush.

We thank the residents of Dighton for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. DILLINGHAM,

Superintendent

BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

This is the fifteenth annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1978 this Board conducted twenty (20) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. Of these cases twelve (12) were granted.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Zoning regulations could not be successfully imposed if there were not provided some means of granting relief to owners of land from hardships that arise from the strict application of the law.

No matter how carefully the ordinances or by-law is drawn, there are bound to be cases in which literal application of the law deprives the owner of all, or almost all, beneficial use of his land.

FROHMAN ANDERSON
JOSEPH LAWRENCE
WILLIAM JOHNSON
RICHARD ARRUDA
J. FORD GOLSBY
JOSEPH P. PACHECO

Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met the first and third Wednesday of every month during the year plus had many other meetings.

There were two public hearings held concerning re-zoning of property within the town which were voted favorably at town meeting.

There was also one public hearing held concerning the State mandated Acts of Chapter 808, Mass. General Laws Chapter 40A. The Board spent many hours and had several meetings with the S. E. Regional Planning District in an effort to recommend to the voters only the zoning changes which would benefit the town and its' residents. This was also voted favorably at town meeting.

The Planning Board is anticipating future meetings with the S. E. Regional Planning District in an effort to up-date our zoning by-laws and to insure they are in compliance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts. When all is finalized, a new zoning by-law booklet will be published and available to the public.

During the year the Planning Board has also been working with H.U.D. on flood plain zoning maps. When these are completed, residents in coastal or possible flood areas will be eligible to purchase flood insurance at a low rate.

Also, in an effort to allow communication between the Planning Board and the Public relatively easier, we have acquired a part-time clerical worker who will be available two afternoons a week for your convenience. We have also had a telephone recently installed in our meeting room. The number is 669-6636. Please feel free to call concerning any matter.

THOMAS J. PIRES, Chairman,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Playground Commission hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1978.

Gary Sanson resigned as of March of 1978. Mr. Norman Ross was appointed to this vacancy on the commission.

On July 14, 1978, Mrs. Sydney Smith resigned from the playground commission.

In September, Mrs. Shirley Veronesi was appointed to this vacancy on the board. We would like to thank Sydney for an excellent job on all her contributions to the commission.

This year two new pieces of equipment were installed at each of the three playgrounds. These new items provided entertainment for the younger children of the town. Also a new steel locker was purchased for the purpose of storage at the Helen Lane field. Four new picnic tables were purchased for each of the playgrounds and one for available use at the tennis courts.

The summer program was very successful this year. We would like to thank Alan Peabody, Cynthia Chavès, Diane Paradise and Shirley Veronesi for an excellent job. The program consisted of daily arts and crafts sessions, ball games of all sorts, trips to amusement parks, ice cream shops and many enjoyable picnics.

The late winter program of movies shown at the Junior High was welcomed and enjoyed by all. We do have plans to initiate this program again this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Townspeople who helped make this past year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN M. McGUIRK
NORMAN ROSS
SHIRLEY VERONESI

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

DELOITTE, HASKINS & SELLS
28 State St., Boston, Mass. 02109
Tel. (617) 742-7660

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Dighton, Massachusetts:

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds of the Town of Dighton for the year ended June 30, 1978 listed in the foregoing table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As is the usual practice in municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town has not maintained a record of its fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included among its financial statements.

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, pension costs are provided on a pay-as-you-go basis instead of on an actuarial basis as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The amount of such costs on an actuarial basis is not determinable at this time.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the General Fund financial statements of not providing for pension costs on an actuarial basis, the aforementioned financial statements of the funds of the Town of Dighton present fairly the financial position of such funds at June 30, 1978 and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules listed in the foregoing table of contents as of June

30, 1978 and for the year then ended. In our opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

DELOITTE, HASKINS & SELLS

Board of Selectmen
Dighton
Massachusetts 02715
Gentlemen:

Re: Town of Dighton

Please be advised that the Bureau of Accounts received from the firm of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells an audit report for the year ended June 30, 1978, (including a management letter).

A review showed that the report provided certain necessary information required by this Bureau. Two minor clarifications were discussed with the firm which were not deemed significant enough to affect the acceptability of the report.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT M. CROSBY,
Assistant Chief of Bureau

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT—1978

Dog Bites	41	Stray Dogs	132
Dogs Killed by Cars	61	Cruelty Complaints	12
Lost Dogs	87	Dogs Sold	24
Dogs Found	39	Dogs Hit by Cars	24
Dogs Poisoned or Shot	13	Dogs Chewed/ Killed by Dogs	14
Dogs Found Dead	22		
Dog Complaints	251		

ANIMALS KILLED BY DOGS

Sheep	6	Goats	2
Rabbits	24	Chickens	37
Cats	17	Ducks & Geese	12

DOG LICENSES

Females	\$6.00	Males	\$3.00
Spayed Females with Certificate	\$3.00	Also Kennels	

All complaints involving dogs were acted on. All owners of dogs that had bitten people were notified to restrain their dogs for (14) days. Stray dogs were held for (10) days, then either returned to owners, sold, or disposed of. I received many complaints of dogs in rubbish, chasing cars, and people riding bicycles, chasing people walking on the streets, and using neighbor's yards for "comfort stations." It is the duty of all dog owners to clean up after their dogs, keep them out of the neighbor's rubbish, and restrain their dogs on rubbish pickup days. All dog owners are liable for any damage their dogs have done to Livestock, Fowl, or Property.

The law requires that all dogs, over the age of (3) month, muts be licensed every year, (Due April 1st.), whether penned, housed, or running loose, and receive Rabies shots every (2) years and wear both tags attached to a collar or harness. Dog

licenses are available at the Town Office on or before April 1st. All unlicensed dogs will be picked up at the expense of the owner. There are still a number of unlicensed dogs in the Town of Dighton. A special effort will be made to contact their owners to license their dogs or court action will result. First and second notices to license delinquent dogs will not be mailed out providing dogs are licensed by May. Delinquent license notices will be mailed out (2) times after that date.

I wish to thank the Members of the Police Dept., Communication Center, and the Town Office for all their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE R. KATON,
Dog Officer

DOG LICENSED IN 1978

MALES	483
FEMALES	68
SPAYED	289
KENNEL	19
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REPORT OF SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Mrs. Adams and Gentlemen:

The following is a report of inspections and permits issued in 1978:

SANITATION PERMITS 42

New Houses 19

Repairs & Alterations 23

INSTALLER PERMITS 16

FOOD SERVICE PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS 36

SOIL TESTS FOR SEWAGE SYSTEMS AS REQUIRED
BY MASS. STATE CODE 73

Complaints concerning public health violations were investigated and any found to be valid were brought into compliance.

I again want to thank Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Santos and Mr. Terry for their cooperation and support in all matters involving the Board of Health.

Respectfully,

LEO A. DUFFY, R.S., C.H.O.,

Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We are very much concerned with the mandate of the Supreme Court regarding full and fair cash values for all properties.

Dighton has deferred implementation of full values for several reasons during the past four years. We prefer not to elaborate on these reasons as we have already outlined them on several occasions including last year's annual report. Nonetheless, the problem has not gone away and deferment can no longer be accepted by the Department of Revenue. Consequently, fiscal 1980 will be the year in which we will implement full and fair cash assessments.

Please keep in mind we now have a new set of rules (laws) to work by. You may recall that the classification referendum was overwhelmingly approved in our state elections this past November. Passage of this has become law and was signed by the Governor.

If you are not familiar with this new law, let us briefly explain that we must now assess at various percentages of full values. Residential properties, for example, will be assessed at 40 percent of full value less a \$5,000. exemption.

On the surface this sounds great, but we're not so sure it will be as good as it sounds. The revaluation figures we used when we applied the 20 percent assessments can no longer apply because those appraised values are considerably less than today's market values. It means that the Assessing Department must reprice all properties to establish new values acceptable to the Department of Revenue so that classification can be used according to the percentages established by law.

We do not see a shifting of taxes from Industrial or Commercial to Residential. We do see, however, some increases in vacant land values as these have been on the low side.

Expenditures continue to rise and fiscal '79 appropriations saw \$3,391,042. required to run our town and schools.

It is much too soon to estimate what fiscal '80 total

appropriations will be, but I'm almost certain they will be more than fiscal '79.

We are continuing to broaden our tax base and look to the continued good tax position Dighton has always enjoyed.

Our thanks to all town offices for their continued support and help. Our thanks, also, to the citizens of Dighton for their cooperation and understanding in helping us to achieve some very difficult goals.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, CMA, Chairman
LEO T. PIVIROTT
RICHARD M. ARRUDA

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our report to the citizens of Dighton for Fiscal year 1979 is as follows

II. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

A. Total Appropriations	\$3,240,073.85
B. Special Education, 1972, Ch. 766 (This is included in school appropriation)	
C. Other Local Expenditures	
Total Offsets From Cherry Sheet	10,600.50
Total of A and B	\$3,250,674.35

III. STATE ASSESSMENTS

	(a) Assessments	(b) under Assessments
1. Total county tax and state assessments	\$70,133.85	\$ 731.64

2. County Tax	36,925.02	
3. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1	\$33,208.83	731.64
4. Add amounts under (a) and (b)		\$33,940.47
IV. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		\$36,925.02
V. OVERLAY		\$69,502.97
VI. GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$3,391,042.81
(Total of Parts II through V, Enter in Part 1, Line 1)		
VII. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS		
1. Total estimated receipts from state	\$521,365.85	
2. Prior years overestimates state and county	9,109.42	
3. Local estimated receipts	310,073.41	
4. Available funds	482,658.53	
5. Available funds to reduce tax rate		
6. Total of Lines 1 through 5		\$1,323,207.21

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised (from Part VI)	\$3,391,042.81
2. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds (from Part VII, Line 6)	1,323,207.21
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation (Subtract Line 2 from Line 1)	\$2,067,835.60
4. Real Property Valuations	\$12,983,876.00

5. Personal Property Valuations	1,681,625.00	
6. Total Property Valuations	<u> </u>	
(Add Line 4 and Line 5)	\$14,665,501.00	
7. Tax Rate (divide Line 3 by Line 6, Multiply by 1000)		141.00
8. Real Property Tax		
(Multiply Line 4 by Line 7)		1,830,726.52
9. Personal Property Tax		
(Multiply Line 5 by Line 7)		237,109.08
10. Total Taxes Levied on Property		
	<u> </u>	
(Add Line 8 and Line 9)		\$2,067,835.60

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 192,263.25	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '78	23,000.00	
Overlay	1,637.09	
Amount to be raised	<u> </u>	\$ 234,100.34
Estimated Receipts	44,200.00	
Transferred from available funds	40,200.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	<u> </u>	84,400.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes		149,700.34
Value of Personal Property	825,475.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		13,207.60
Value of Real Estate	8,530,796.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		136,492.74
	<u> </u>	
Total Valuations	\$9,356,271.00	
Total Taxes		\$149,700.34

TAX RATE \$16.00 per M

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 14,540.00	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '78	500.00	
Overlay	363.92	
Amount to be raised	<u> </u>	\$ 15,403.92
Total Estimated Receipts		500.00
		<u> </u>
Net Amount to be raised by Taxes		\$ 14,903.92
Value of Personal Property	\$ 726,800.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,380.00
Value of Real Estate	7,120,000.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		13,523.12
	<u> </u>	
Total Valuation	\$7,846,800.00	
Total Taxes		\$ 14,903.92

TAX RATE \$1.90 per M

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 57,451.50	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '78	None	
Deficit in '78 estimated receipts	3,678.30	
Overlay	852.38	
Amount to be raised	<u> </u>	\$ 61,982.18
Estimated Receipts	\$ 45,500.00	
Transferred from available funds	None	
Total Estimated Receipts		45,500.00
		<u> </u>
Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$16,482.18
Value of Personal Property	\$ 273,350.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,503.38
Value of Real Estate	2,723,740.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		14,978.80
	<u> </u>	
Total Valuation	\$2,997,090.00	
Total Taxes		\$ 16,482.18

TAX RATE \$5.50 per M

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 1978—
July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978—in the following schedules:

- Balance Sheet—General Accounts
- Receipts of General Cash
- Disbursements of General Cash
- Statement of Appropriations—General Accounts
- Analysis of Surplus Revenue and Free Cash
- Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
 - Receipts
 - Disbursements
 - Statement of Appropriations
- Balance Sheet—
 - Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
 - Trust and Investment Accounts
- Statement of Indebtedness

Free Cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts as of
July 1, 1978 is \$203,915.00.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS B. HOPKINS,
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET GENERAL ACCOUNTS

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash		Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	\$ 8.00
On hand and in banks	\$471,549.71	Overlays Reserved for Abatements	
Invested in		Levy of 1974/75	32.80
Certificates of Deposit	250,000.00	Levy of 1975/76	46.20
	<u>\$ 721,549.71</u>	Levy of 1976/77	6,890.49
Advances for Petty Cash		Levy of 1977/78	861.17
Cafeteria	8.00		<u>7,830.66</u>
Accounts Receivable		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	61,702.63
Levy of 1974/75		Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Personal Property	32.80	Taxes in Litigation	3,961.30
Levy of 1975/76		Tax Title & Possession	19,451.47
Personal Property	46.20	Motor Vehicle Excise	52,464.11
Levy of 1976/77		Departmental	1,575.00
Personal Property	61.50	Aid to Highways	29,639.09
Real Estate	6,828.99		<u>107,090.97</u>
		Sale of Real Estate	500.00
Levy of 1977/78		Tailings	
Personal Property	1,458.92	Unclaimed checks	781.81
Real Estate	33,452.06	Unidentified Cash Receipts	130.05
	<u>34,910.98</u>	(Collector)	<u>911.86</u>
Taxes in Litigation	3,961.30		

Revenue—1979

Annual Town Meeting
Spec. Town Meeting 6/28

3,504,250.85
15,823.00

3,520,073.85

Transferred from
available funds

762,658.53

\$2,757,415.32

\$3,943,676.11

Acquisition of Land 3,000.00
New Door—Town Vault 3,300.00
Town Office Building 147,200.00
Financial Audit 6,500.00
Ac. of land—Maple St. 3,500.00
New Police Station 2,802.83
Purchase of Speed Signs 110.32
Fire Radio 433.44
Base Radio Unit 32.50
2 Police Cruisers 11,000.00
Air Conditioners—Police 1,600.00
Operational plan/landfill 22.00
Water service to landfill 9,000.00
Building—landfill 5,600.00
Consulting Eng./Water Poll. 2,150.00
Engineer—re: landfill 19,550.00
M/A 29252 (ant. of reimb.) 15,623.20
M/A 29252 (town funds) 8,045.25
M/A 28957 299.61
Chap. 356 (ant. of reimb.) 27,923.00
Chap. 356 (town funds) 9,308.00
Williams St. landtaking 23.92
Williams St. landtaking 5,000.00
Hart St. Extension 5,000.00
Maple & Oak Street 9,209.73
Highway—tractor 733.99
Automatic Sander 5,000.00
Veterans Acct. (encumbered) 7,099.97
School Needs Study 242.84
Storm Windows—Library 74.00
Insulate Library Roof 1,000.00
Recreation Center 310.86
Unemployment Insurance 14,000.00
Town Insurance (encumbered) 3,716.28
Dighton Day 1,200.00

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336,091.74

Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	2,928.87
Chap. 88 School Ind. Arts	1,254.01
Gasoline Acct.	181.82
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	4,364.70
Federal Grants	
Title I	1,235.32
Title III	1,516.60
Title VI B	145.35
Title IV B	2,042.50
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	4,939.77
State Grants	
Local Growth Policy	147.30
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	147.30
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	\$3,943,676.11

RECEIPTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 7/1/77 to 6/30/78

TAXES

REAL ESTATE

1975/76	\$ 4,035.30	
1976/77	22,690.54	
1977/78	1,610,474.32	
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PERSONAL PROPERTY

1975/76	34.65	
1976/77	76.88	
1977/78	217,788.53	
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1973	23.10	
1975	585.18	
1976	13,052.48	
1977	91,428.18	
1978	111,531.89	
	<hr/>	216,620.83

TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS 5,765.03

TAXES IN LITIGATION 6,760.98

INTEREST ON TAXES

Real Estate	2,635.73	
Personal Property	43.12	
Motor Vehicle Excise	390.83	
Tax Titles	671.46	
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DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Dighton-Berkley Bridge	82.76
Board of Health/soil tests	580.00

Civil Defense/Surplus Property	70.75	
Police Department/insurance reports	626.00	
/witness fees	616.52	
		1,976.03
AID TO HIGHWAYS—State		
M/A 28957	7,283.91	
M/A 28958	30,000.00	
		37,283.91
AID TO HIGHWAYS—County		
M/A 28957		1,500.00
COUNTY OF BRISTOL		
Dog Fund	527.05	
Care & Boarding of Dogs	1,540.00	
Court Fines	603.00	
Reimbursement—Dutch Elm Disease	254.09	
Refund—Revised Tax Ch. 642 of 1977	1,582.35	
SCHOOL CAFETERIA		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	27,961.32	
Schools	32,727.59	
		60,688.91
JUNIOR HIGH/INDUSTRIAL ARTS		1,229.64
CHAPTER 733—OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL		
Police	56,751.50	
School	523.83	
Fire	3,828.00	
		61,103.33
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		
Building Permits	4,748.00	
Pool & building inspections	160.00	
Plumbing permits	1,309.00	
Disposal permits	100.00	
Sanitation permits	270.00	

Electrical permits	736.00	
Gasoline storage	5.00	
Auctioneer	85.00	
Junk license	5.00	
Motor Vehicle—		
Class I	24.00	
Class II	88.00	
Class III	24.00	
Gravel	80.00	
Sausage	5.00	
Lord's Day sale	70.00	
Lord's Day Entertainment	165.00	
Milk store	8.00	
Common Victualer Food	60.00	
Food Service Establishment	172.00	
Common Victualer/all alcohol	2,000.00	
Package Store/all alcohol	400.00	
Package Store/wine & malt	100.00	
Temporary B & W	87.00	
Denatured Alcohol	10.00	
Oleo	4.00	
Camp & cabin	10.00	
Oyster Bed	65.00	
Hearings	238.78	
Gas renewal	4.50	
Raffle	50.00	
License to carry	800.00	
F.I.D. cards	126.00	
License to sell firearms	44.00	
Ammo license	2.00	
Bike registration	116.25	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	209.00	
		12,380.53

MISCELLANEOUS

Town coins	24.00
Anniversary booklets	8.00
Town histories	85.00
Lives & Fortens books	18.00

Street listings & maps	19.80	
Photocopies—town office	26.20	
police	2.00	
Cert. of municipal liens	540.00	
Zoning booklets	26.00	
Toll calls—school	22.08	
Library fines	81.96	
Liquor I.D.	4.00	
Sanitary fund—school	16.20	
TGAI office expense	600.00	
Service charge Chapter 773 police	182.00	
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		1,655.24

REFUNDS & RECOVERIES

Gasoline Account/Water District	1,139.29	
/police	1.00	
Highway Department	59.75	
Veterans Account	262.00	
School refunds	49.69	
Police Department	243.75	
Penn Central	10.00	
Christmas Gift—return	10.00	
Petty Cash Advance/C.O.A.	50.00	
/Selectmen	75.00	
/Police	50.00	
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		1,950.48

AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	27,596.20
Federal Tax	176,064.87
State Tax	64,567.25
Teachers Retirement	38,204.54
Teachers Income Protection	537.72
Tax Sheltered Annuities	8,512.24
Dues	
Street Dept.	464.00
Police Dept.	453.60
Teachers	3,226.00
Deferred Compensation	4,856.57

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Sale of Dogs	63.00	
Dog Licenses	2,703.75	
Contributory Group Insurance		
Employee deductions	31,407.53	
Receipts for Group Ins.	4,101.06	
Direct payments	1,490.35	
State Meals tax—school cafeteria	167.60	
	<hr/>	364,416.28

INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS

Charles Chase—School Fund	35.00	
Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	225.00	
Cemeteries—perpetual care	626.00	
AVALIC—annuity	1,917.03	
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GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Trust Fund—cemetery perpetual care	200.00	
Senior Citizens	200.00	
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FEDERAL GRANTS

Title I (School)	20,672.00	
Title IV B (School)	3,397.99	
Anti-Recession Title II P.L. 94-369	19,420.00	
Reimbursement for storm damage		
Town	7,045.00	
Housing Authority	240.00	
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INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH

Matured	1,050,000.00	
Interest earned on C.D.	6,201.90	
Interest on Savings Account	7,521.11	
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TEMPORARY LOAN

Facilities Plan—sewers		25,000.00
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

School Aid Chp. 70	227,106.36	
Special Needs Chp. 71B	139,115.00	
School Transportation Chp. 71	29,547.00	
Voke Chp. 74 s 9 & 10	69.00	
Public Welfare Tuition & Trans.	5,295.34	
Highway Fund Chp. 825	49,438.50	
Highway Chp. 497	33,578.04	
Local Aid	45,897.04	
Abatements Chp. 59	3,517.80	
Reimbursement for Ambulance Radio	1,200.00	
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		534,764.36

TRANSFERS

From Fed. Revenue Sharing Funds for Police Dept.	90,000.00
From HUD Funds for Community Development Project	41,966.81
From Stabilization Fund to Town Office Building Acct.	170,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL	\$4,616,111.24
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CASH BALANCE 7/1/77	694,831.14
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	\$5,310,942.38
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DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 7/1/77 to 6/30/78

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Board of Selectmen

Salaries—Chairman	\$	4,500.00	
Chairman Bd. of Health		4,000.00	
Member		3,000.00	
Telephone		1,365.08	
Printing, postage, supplies		563.90	
Dues—travel expense		1,660.19	
Building Inspector		2,045.21	
Electrical Inspector		726.00	
Petty Cash Advance		75.00	
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	\$		17,935.38

Town Accountant

Salary	10,660.00	
Printing, postage, supplies	368.14	
Dues, meetings, mileage	219.00	
Binding	83.20	
Telephone	256.51	
New equipment—fireproof file	189.80	
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		11,776.65

Town Clerk

Salary	4,500.00	
Assistant's salary	3,553.00	
Clerical wages	1,959.00	
Printing, postage, supplies	332.30	
Telephone	286.61	
Dues, meetings, mileage	440.13	
Equipment, service & rental	588.50	
Misc.	45.00	
Microfilm storage	55.00	
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		11,759.54

Town Collector

Salary	5,500.00	
Assistant's salary	3,554.00	
Clerical wages	1,959.00	
Printing, postage, supplies	1,654.70	
Data processing	494.14	
Telephone	354.87	
Dues, meetings, mileage	123.86	
Equipment—service & rental	441.00	
Misc.	77.50	
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		14,150.07

Town Treasurer

Salary	4,500.00	
Assistant's salary	3,553.00	
Clerical wages	1,958.00	
Printing, postage, supplies	1,208.90	
Telephone	381.58	
Dues, meetings, mileage	118.40	
Equipment—service & repair	469.85	
Misc.	70.50	
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		12,260.23

Tax Title Expense	1,525.81
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Finance Committee	60.00
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Board of Appeals	204.92
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Board of Assessors

Salaries—Chairman CMA	15,280.00
Others	3,400.00
Secretary	8,500.50
Telephone	651.82
Printing, postage, supplies	552.83
Dues, meetings, mileage,	
school, workshops	1,141.39
Out of state travel	151.48
Expense out of state	244.24

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Use of car—field work	1,000.00	
Transfers from registry	172.63	
Bookbinding	96.25	
Updating maps	170.00	
Data processing	1,518.40	
Equipment & repairs—misc.	596.98	
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		33,476.52

Election & Registration

Registrar's salary	500.00	
Street listing	1,880.52	
Election workers	232.95	
Police/custodians	96.80	
Clerical	25.00	
Printing, postage, supplies	275.00	
Misc.	139.55	
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		3,149.82

Planning Board

Dues	30.00	
SRPEDD assessment	761.40	
Postage, supplies	7.77	
Advertising	385.83	
Delegate expense	22.71	
Maps & printing	498.50	
Inspection fees & surveys	- 0 -	
Hearing expense	58.08	
Clerical	24.00	
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		1,788.29

Planning Board (encumbered funds)

SRPEDD contract	1,540.00
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Town Office

Clerk typist salary	7,969.50
Printing Town Report	2,000.00
Advertising	542.08
Printing, postage, supplies	1,274.65
Equipment & equipment maint.	656.77

Misc. & repairs	879.26	
Historian expense	50.00	
Moderator	100.00	
Out of state travel	31.00	
Misc. expense—travel & processing	322.14	
Tree Warden	100.00	
Dues M.L.C.T.	318.90	
Supt. Insect Pest Control	100.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	250.00	
		14,594.30
Town Counsel		
Legal fees, reference		7,086.75
Conservation Commission		78.09
Tax Titles Dues Districts		
Dighton Water District	289.91	
Dighton Electric Light District	15.69	
		305.60
Taxes in Litigation Due Districts		
Dighton Water District	493.53	
Dighton Electrict Light District	54.78	
North Dighton Fire District	68.00	
		616.31
Local Growth Policy Committee		7.92
Tape Recorder		232.00
Copy Machine—Town Office		1,975.00
Air Conditioners—Town Office		1,395.56
Purchase of Land—Town Gravel Bank		3,275.00
Improvement to Assessors' Maps		3,000.00
Heat Control Valves—Town Office		520.00
Community Development Program P.L. 93-383		41,966.81
Transferred from HUD funds		

Town Office Building	22,800.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department**

Salaries	97,723.24
Shift differential	1,394.66
Extra Duty	19,199.29
Secretary/Policewoman	9,099.48
Course allow., longevity, tuition	2,550.46
Dues, meetings, mileage	272.55
Gas & Oil	7,608.66
Printing, postage, supplies	1,457.31
Lock up	196.75
Equipment & repairs	7,893.72
Misc.	468.50
Clothing allowance	1,818.90
Building	3,351.28
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	150,034.80*

***Transferred from Federal Revenue**

Sharing for payroll	90,000.00
Paid from General Cash	63,034.80

Off Duty Work Detail

Police	56909.00
School	883.20
Fire	3,828.00
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	61,620.20

Fire Department

Salary—full time men	35,684.28
Wages	21,801.50
Buildings	
Utilities	3,286.46
Repair	1,934.62
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	5,221.08
Telephones	822.90
Radios	932.18
Vehicles	

Gas & Oil	2,062.13	
Repair	1,164.93	
	<hr/>	3,227.06
Office		64.00
Supplies & sundries		508.66
Dues & meetings		263.00
Fire alarm		19.50
Training		300.00
Fire prevention		34.37
Hose & equipment		1,291.26
Clothing allowance		438.14
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		70,607.93
Fire Department (encumbered)		
Radio for ambulance		1,858.75
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00
Dog Officer		
Salary	1,300.00	
Board & Keep	1,900.00	
Part time help	296.00	
Supplies & misc.	17.69	
Clerical	70.00	
New equipment	78.13	
Mileage	387.71	
	<hr/>	4,049.53
Care of Town Elms		695.00
Insect Pest Control		1,324.53
Shade Tree Account		526.00
Civil Defense		
Director's salary	550.00	
Telephone	110.11	
Equipment & repairs	55.00	
Electricity & fuel	39.12	
Surplus property	114.00	
Misc. & mileage	4.50	
Office supplies	166.25	
	<hr/>	1,038.98

Communications Center

Salaries	30,776.67
Telephones	3,097.27
Supplies	132.38
Radio check & repair	270.56
Electricity to Richmond Hill	94.20
New equipment	432.50

 34,803.58*

*Amount paid from Title II

Antirecession funds	7,146.96
Paid from General Cash	27,656.62

Police cruiser with accessories	5,133.93
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New Police Station	9,280.55
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Speed Signs	695.68
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New Ambulance	30,975.00
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Reconditioned Radar Unit	200.00
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New Modular Fire Radio	1,566.56
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New Base Radio Unit	1,867.50
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HEALTH AND SANITATION**Board of Health**

Animal Inspector	250.00
Nursing Service (T.V.N.A.)	581.13
Misc. supplies & expense	659.26
Recording vital statistics	175.00
Engineering soil test fees	400.00
Sanitation Inspector	500.00
Plumbing Inspector fees	1,091.00
Clinic expense	409.45

 4,065.84

Care of Landfill Area

Wages	2,753.81
Maintenance	29,312.95
Inspection fees	500.00
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	32,566.76*

*Amount paid from Title II

Antirecession funds 4,673.00

Paid from General Cash 27,893.76

Mosquito Control 400.00

Rubbish collection contract 30,683.31*

*Amount paid from Title II

Antirecession fund 3,350.00

Paid from General Cash 27,333.31

Dighton-Berkley Community Services 1,500.00

Consulting Engineer re: Pollution Control
Three Mile River 7,256.47

Consulting Engineer re:
Possible landfill sites 1,450.00

Facilities Plan—Sewers (partial) 25,000.00

HIGHWAYS**Highway Department**

Wages	74,155.26
Material	2,164.14
Equipment rental & equipment	5,601.14
Supplies & repairs	2,595.97
Traffic control	1,020.84
Removal of dead trees	150.50
Building	
Utilities	2,769.36

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Phone	733.19	
Maint. & supplies	1,184.91	
		4,687.46
Gravel Roads		6,043.27
Snow Removal		
Equipment	16,346.43	
Material	11,063.68	
Labor	9,125.03	
		36,535.14
Time Clock		211.50
		133,165.22*
*Amount paid from Title II		
Antirecession funds		18,992.04
Paid from General Cash		114,173.18
Road Machinery Account		
Gasoline & oil	8,537.51	
Parts & repair	7,612.30	
		16,149.81
Williams Street Construction		
M/A 28958	2,933.21	
Chap. 825 Sect. 1	1,738.86	
		4,672.07
Construction, Reconstruction & Improvement of Town Roads		
M/A 28957		4,131.67
M/A 29252		13,562.55
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,425.55
Brush Control		495.00
Maple Street Construction (1977)		25.31
Maple & Oak Street Construction (1978)		790.27
Highway Maintenance Account		19,369.22
Center & Main Streets or Other Town Roads		
M/A 28957		986.29

Williams Street Landtaking		5,000.00
Commercial Type Tractor		4,548.01
Six-wheel Dump Truck		11,064.06
Front-end Loader & Backhoe		125.00
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		
Tender's salary	840.00	
Power & Misc.	54.92	
Repair & maintenance	277.63	
		<hr/> 1,172.55

VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans Benefits (FY 1977 encumbered)		2,095.10
Veterans Benefits		
Salary of Agent	1,200.00	
Cash	26,568.83	
Medical & fuel	873.20	
Travel, dues, meetings	120.00	
		<hr/> 28,762.03

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

School Department		
Administration	31,001.35	
Instruction	724,852.56	
Other School Services	75,190.54	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	133,028.59	
Fixed Assets	12,481.72	
Programs with other districts	4,650.78	
Vocational Evening Program	127.50	
Kindergarten	26,103.11	
Special Education Program	166,975.10	
		<hr/> 1,174,411.25
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		625,980.90
Cafeteria		
Salary	27,130.26	
Food	35,886.52	

Pest Control	48.00	
Misc.	845.38	
	<hr/>	63,910.16
Title I Funds	3,088.68	
	19,436.68	
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Title III Funds		22.14
Title IV Funds		1,210.14
Chapter 88 Industrial Arts		2,307.41
School Needs Study		1,800.00
Public Library		
Salary	3,600.00	
Custodian	450.00	
Assistants	1,573.88	
Books & magazines	3,014.10	
Utilities	777.68	
Supplies	89.92	
Repairs	105.11	
Expense	182.22	
Telephone	188.36	
Dues & meetings	40.90	
	<hr/>	10,022.17
Storm Windows—Public Library		776.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Playground & Recreation

Care of grounds	1,782.75
Maintenance of Playgrounds	717.45
Instructors salaries	1,969.94
New equipment	816.52
Lighting expense	132.25
Tennis program	428.80
Summer program	1,005.97

Tennis court improvement	203.88	
Winter program (movies)	921.01	
Kiddies Day	204.32	
Re-lamp tennis court	122.03	
	<hr/>	8,304.92
Memorial Day Observance		249.50
Veterans Building Maintenance		1,200.00
Maintenance—Civic Center		
Light & water	50.76	
Fuel	530.38	
Repair	25.00	
	<hr/>	606.14
Gasoline Account		18,283.89
State Pension Reimbursement		2,375.65
Historical Commission		291.17
Contributory Group Insurance		
Appropriated		
Boston Mutual Life	1,538.11	
OME Standard	2,482.86	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	31,546.55	
	<hr/>	35,567.52
Employee Deductions		
Boston Mutual Life	1,475.33	
OME Standard	1,382.04	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	29,982.10	
	<hr/>	32,839.47
Reecipts for Group Insurance		
Boston Mutual Lift	172.28	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	3,865.22	
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Town Insurance (1977 encumbered)

Vehicle liability	6,900.00
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Town Insurance

Special Multi-Peril Policy	20,018.45	
Bonds	640.00	
Police & Firemen	2,274.55	
Vehicle—liability	2.00	
(1/1/78 billing not received 3,716.28 encumbered 6/30/78)		
Workmens Comp.	6,973.00	
(add'l. charge of 361.00 on audit paid from 6/30/77 encumbered funds)		
Ambulance service	375.00	
Burglary	200.00	
Boiler	198.72	
Public Official Error & Omission	1,751.00	
Vehicle—fire & theft	1,686.00	
		34,118.72

State & County Taxes and Assessments

County Retirement Assessment	45,465.20	
County Tax	101,850.10	
State Recreation Areas	20,089.19	
Air Pollution Control	248.64	
Mosquito Control	6,090.00	
M/V Excise Bills	584.10	
Audit of Municipal Accts. (D-R)	502.50	
		174,829.73

Council on Aging

Office supplies & equipment	1,373.98	
Expendable supplies	266.46	
Christmas event & bus hire	1,055.79	
Health programs	408.82	
I D photos	163.65	
Shopping bus	1,110.00	
Work study program	93.60	
Misc.—Petty cash advance	50.00	
		4,522.30

State Grant—Council on Aging		1,000.00
Prior Year Bills		
Town Insurance	29.00	
Veterans Benefits	3,074.02	
Engineering survey	125.00	
Board of Health	85.00	
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Gifts & Bequests		
Senior Citizens		210.00
Estimated Receipts		
Refund of interest on taxes		5.23
Summary Judgment—Superior Court		35,000.00
CEMETERIES—PUBLIC PROPERTY		1,100.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT.		
Interest on temporary loan		89.70
Temporary Loan in anticipation of Highway Reimbursement		15,000.00
AGENCY & TRUST—REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		
Trust Funds—Interest		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	626.00	
Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	225.00	
Charles Chase School Fund	35.00	
AVALIC—Employee Annuity	1,917.03	
	<hr/>	2,803.03
Trust Fund Bequest		200.00
Agency Accounts		
County Retirement	27,596.20	
Federal Tax	176,064.87	
State Tax	64,567.25	

Teachers Retirement	38,192.62	
Teachers Income Protection	555.96	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	8,084.24	
Deferred Compensation	4,856.57	
Dues		
Highway	464.00	
Police	453.60	
Teachers	3,226.00	
Dog licenses	2,798.00	
Sale of dogs	48.00	
State meals tax (school cafeteria)	153.25	
Federal reimbursement for storm damage paid to town for Housing Authority	240.00	
		<u>327,300.56</u>

Refunds

1976 Motor Vehicle Excise	77.27	
1977 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,660.04	
1978 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,045.79	
1977 Real Estate Tax	388.68	
1978 Real Estate Tax	1,812.75	
		<u>4,984.53</u>

Investment of General Cash	<u>1,300,000.00</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH	\$4,857,059.29
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Less Transfers within accounts	<u>17,666.62</u>
	<u>\$4,839,392.67</u>

CASH BALANCE 6/30/78	<u>471,549.71</u>
	<u><u>\$5,310,942.38</u></u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-78

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/78
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Board of Selectmen	\$19,829.00	\$75.00	\$17,935.38	\$1,968.62	
Town Accountant	12,160.00		11,776.65	383.35	
Town Clerk	11,907.00		11,759.54	147.46	
Town Collector	14,618.00		14,150.07	467.93	
Town Treasurer	12,301.00		12,260.23	40.77	
Tax Title Account	1,600.00		1,525.81	74.19	
Tax Possession Account	100.00			100.00	
Board of Assessors	33,456.00		33,476.52	329.48	
Board of Assessors (add'l appro. 10/12/77)	350.00				
Finance Committee	100.00		60.00	40.00	
Election & Registration	3,450.00		3,149.82	300.18	
Planning Board	9,435.00		1,788.29	7,646.71	
Board of Appeals	300.00		204.92	95.08	
Town Office	15,995.00	100.00*	14,594.30	1,500.70	
Industrial Commission	100.00			100.00	
Conservation Commission	350.00		78.09	271.91	
Town Counsel	7,500.00		7,086.75	413.25	
New Door—Town Vault	3,300.00				\$3,300.00
Copy Machine—Town Office	2,500.00		1,975.00	525.00**	
Tape Recorder—Town Office	250.00		232.00	18.00	
Air Conditioners—Town Office	2,000.00		1,395.56	604.44**	
Purchase of Land—Gravel Bank	3,000.00	275.00*	3,275.00		
Improvement to Assessor's Maps	3,100.00		3,000.00	100.00	
Heat Zone Control Valves—Town Office	560.00		520.00	40.00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
Police Department	65,125.00	50.00	63,034.80	2,997.66	
Police Department (add'l appro. 3/8/78)	857.46				
Fire Department	71,610.00		70,607.93	1,002.07	

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	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/78
Hydrant Rental	1,740.00		1,740.00		
Insect Pest Control	800.00	524.53*	1,324.53		
Shade Tree Account	500.00	26.00*	526.00		
Care of Town Elms	1,800.00		695.00	1,105.00	
Civil Defense	1,750.00		1,038.98	711.02	
Dog Officer	4,050.00		4,049.53	.47	
Police Dept.—Prior Year Bill	39.24		39.24		
Communications	28,165.04		27,656.62	508.42	
Communications					
Title II Anti-Recession Funds					
New Cruiser	7,146.96		7,146.96		
Purchase of Speed Signs	5,500.00		5,133.93	366.07**	110.32
New Modular Fire Radio	806.00		695.68		433.44
Reconditioned Radar Unit	2,000.00		1,566.56		
New Base Radio Unit	200.00		200.00		
	1,900.00		1,867.50		32.50
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Board of Health	7,500.00		4,065.84		
Care of Landfill Area	24,884.00		27,893.76	3,434.16	
Care of Landfill Area		3,009.76*			
Title II Anti-Recession Funds					
Mosquito Control	4,673.00		4,673.00		
Berkley-Dighton Community Center	400.00		400.00		
Rubbish Contract	1,500.00		1,500.00		
Rubbish Contract	27,333.33		27,333.31	.02	
Title II Anti-Recession Funds					
Consulting Engineer—landfill site	3,350.00		3,350.00		
	21,000.00		1,450.00		19,550.00

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/78
HIGHWAYS					
Highway Department	114,245.96		114,173.18	72.78	
Highway Department					
Title II Anti-Recession Funds	7,779.00		7,779.00		
Title II Anti-Recession Funds	11,213.04		11,213.04		
Road Machinery	14,000.00	3,000.00*	16,149.81	850.19	
Brush Control	600.00		495.00	105.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00		1,425.25	74.45	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,200.00		1,172.55	27.45	
Highway Maintenance Account	20,000.00		19,369.22	630.78	
Construction & Improvement M/A 29252	37,231.00		13,562.55		23,668.45
Construction & Improvement M/A 28957	4,500.00		4,500.00		
Maple Street Construction	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Six-wheel Dump Truck	11,500.00		11,064.06	435.94*	733.99
Commercial Type Tractor	5,282.00		4,548.01		
VETERANS SERVICES					
Veterans Benefits	20,000.00	1,600.00*			
Veterans Benefits (add'l appro. 3/8/78)	14,000.00	262.00	28,762.03		7,099.97
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY					
School Department	1,187,214.00	105.80	1,174,411.25	12,908.55	
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	625,980.90		625,980.90		
Public Library	10,022.34		10,022.17	.17	
Storm Windows—Library	850.00		766.00		74.00

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	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/78
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED					
Playground & Recreation	9,453.00		8,304.92	1,148.08	
Memorial Day Observance	250.00		249.50	.50	
Civic Center Maintenance	750.00		606.14	143.86	
Contributory County Retirement Assessment	45,465.20		45,465.20		3,716.28
Town Insurance	37,835.00		34,118.72	8,413.48	
Contributory Group Insurance	43,981.00		35,567.52		
State Pension Reimbursement	1,250.00	1,125.65*	2,375.65	32.70	
Council on Aging	4,505.00	50.00	4,522.30	8.83	
Historical Commission	300.00		291.17	450.00	
Tuitions	450.00				
Veterans Building Maintenance	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Reserve Account Appropriated	15,000.00		9,790.91	5,209.09**	1,200.00
Dighton Day	1,200.00				
Prior Year Bills	3,313.02		3,313.02	910.30	
Interest on Loans	1,000.00		89.70		
Cemeteries—Public Property	1,100.00		1,100.00		
	\$2,702,061.49	\$10,203.74	\$2,595,632.17	\$56,714.11	\$59,918.95
		*from Reserve		49,573.57 to Revenue	
		Fund		**7,140.54 to Overlay	
				<u>56,714.11</u>	

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance 7/1/77			\$228,272.31
Amount added 7/1/77 - 6/30/78			
Highway Reimbursement	\$ 22,500.00		
Tax Title Redemption	5,459.43		
Special accounts closed	2,264.92		
1978 Revenue	153,111.54	183,335.89	
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			\$411,608.20
Amount deducted 7/1/77 - 6/30/78			
Tax Titles	\$ 4,100.64		
Special Town Meeting 10/12/77	8,778.02		
Special Town Meeting 3/8/78	15,502.46		
Annual Town Meeting	137,431.00	165,812.12	
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			\$245,796.08

FREE CASH

Surplus Revenue			\$245,796.08
Less uncollected taxes			
Levy of 1974/75	\$ 32.80		
Levy of 1975/76	46.20		
Levy of 1976/77	6,890.49		
Levy of 1977/78	34,910.98	41,880.47	
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			\$203,915.61

FREE CASH AS CERTIFIED 7/1/78	\$203,915.00
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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**FISCAL YEAR****RECEIPTS**

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds P.L. 94-488	\$ 91,094.00
Interest on invested funds	1,345.77
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Total Cash Received	\$ 92,439.77
Cash balance 7/1/77 P.L. 92-512	764.03
P.L. 94-488	21,135.00
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	\$114,338.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Police Department (P.L. 92-512)	\$ 764.03
Police Department (P.L. 94-488)	89,235.97
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Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 90,000.00
Cash Balance 6/30/78 (P.L. 94-488)	24,338.80
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	\$114,338.80

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Police Department	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	-0-

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS—P.L. 94-488
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1978

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash	\$ 24,338.80	Appropriation Control - 1979	\$ 90,000.00
Transfers from P.L. 94-488 authorized	90,000.00	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS - P.L. 94-488	24,338.80
	<u>\$114,338.80</u>		<u>\$114,338.80</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
June 30, 1978

Trust and Investment Funds: Cash and Securities: In custody of Treasurer	In Custody of Treasurer:		
	School Fund:		
	Charles S. Chase	Cemetery Funds:	\$ 1,557.14
		Joshua Bliss	\$ 7,625.05
		Perpetual Care	13,995.89
			<u>21,620.94</u>
	Investment Funds:		
	Stabilization		6,662.21
			<u>\$ 29,840.29</u>

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS JUNE 30, 1978

Facilities Plan—Sewers	Amount	Rate of Interest	Date Due
General Debt outside Statutory Debt Limit			
State House Notes dated 3/15/78	\$25,000.00	3.09%	11/15/78

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEES

TOWN OF DIGHTON

and

**DIGHTON-REHOBOTH
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Year Ending June 30, 1978

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SUPERINTENDENT

Joseph C. Harrington, Ed. D.

Residence: 54 School Street, Rehoboth

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Telephone:

Home 252-4552 — Office 252-4500, 252-6833

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Carolyn R. Cooper, M. Ed.

ADMINISTRATOR OF BUSINESS

James P. Horton, B. S.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Russell F. Latham, M. Ed.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

Alan Patterson, M.A.T., Administrative Intern

OFFICE STAFF

Nancy J. Goulart, Office Manager	Superintendents' Office
Beverly Chaloux, Receptionist	Superintendents' Office
Bernadette DeRoche, Secretary	Superintendent's Office
Joyce Grassie, Secretary,	
Special Services	Superintendents' Office
Lois Munroe, Head Secretary,	
Special Services	Superintendents' Office
Jean Pacheco, Secretary	Superintendents' Office
Doris Reed, Treas. and Accounting Officer,	
	Superintendents' Office
Joan M. Reed, Secretary	Superintendents' Office

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

D-R

Dr. Charles Souza

DIGHTON

Dr. Charles Souza

SCHOOL NURSES

D-R

Albertine Dwyer, R.N.

DIGHTON

Carolyn Booth, R.N.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Town of Dighton

	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant St., Dighton	1981
Robert S. McConville, Secretary 860 Prospect St., No. Dighton	1980
Wallace A. Wood, Financial Secretary 1392 Pine St., Dighton	1981
John T. Harris 2143 Pleasant St., Dighton	1980
David R. Neely 2440 Pleasant St., Dighton	1980
Maynard F. Horton, Jr. 251 Walker St., No. Dighton	1979
Nicholas Santore Rebecca Rd., No. Dighton	1979

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District

Joseph DeRoche, Chairman 162 Moulton St., Rehoboth	1979
Richard F. Simmons, Secretary 214 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	1979
John Burke 846 Spring St., No. Dighton	1980
Edwin Ballard 26 Heritage Rd., Rehoboth	1979
Shirley George 13 Woodland Way, Rehoboth	1979
Wallace A. Wood 1392 Pine St., Dighton	1979

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical examination, also.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary, Junior High School and Kindergarten

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Stations WPEP and WRLM, Taunton; WSAR and WALE, Fall River; WPRO, WJAR, WHIM and WEAN, Providence; and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be operated safely, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, this information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living less than the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee

1978 - 1979

DIGHTON &

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dighton Elementary, Junior High and High School

School Opens September 6, 1978

Closes December 22, 1978 75 days

School Opens January 2, 1979

Closes February 16, 1979 32 days

School Opens February 26, 1979

Closes April 13, 1979 34 days

School Opens April 23, 1979

Closes June, 1979 39 days

Total 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 9, 1978—Columbus Day

November 23 & 24, 1978—Thanksgiving Recess

January 15, 1979—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 13, 1979—Good Friday

May 28, 1979—Memorial Day

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I hereby submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The past year for our school system has been one of outstanding achievement and reward for our students as well as the dedicated teaching staff and support personnel who serve them.

The administrative staff has worked diligently to utilize a team management approach to address substantive educational issues on a Union-wide basis—a seed which has begun to germinate with very positive effects upon our students! Our staff's enthusiasm appears to be at an all-time high with regard to activities and programs they are helping develop to ever improve our students' educational experiences.

Keeping pace with state-mandated programs has encouraged our school system to fill its two existing central office vacancies with an Administrative Assistant, whose multifaceted role includes interfacing with the School Committee, parents, and staff, and an Administrative Intern, serving as Director of Curriculum. I feel the background of diverse educational experiences these persons possess has brought to us a breath of fresh air, if you will, which broadens our viewpoint and makes for a more enlightened base for sound administrative decision-making.

Areas of significant progress to date include budget preparation and general financial accounting. We have deliberately set about the task of constructing a very specific, more realistic budget than ever before and are currently using a mechanized accounting system to categorize every expenditure for the most effective, efficient and economical management of your tax dollars!

Teacher inservice is being stressed this year, also, for we recognize the need for continued professional development of our staff because it has a direct relationship to the growth of our children. Workshops have been designed to meet teacher needs with emphasis placed on reading and training our teach-

ers in how to provide for any gifted and talented students they may encounter in their classes.

Nation-wide attention is being paid the area of students' competency in the basic skills, and our school system is no exception. A very positive direction, in fact, is the formation of our system-wide testing committee which meets by-weekly to address specific aspects of our entire basic skills' competency program. Our school system will be fully prepared to implement the Department of Education's recommendations within the Department's prepared timetable, thanks to the untiring efforts of **your** teaching and administrative personnel to pursue a goal not easily achieved!

Curriculum efforts this year highlight reading, the number one priority for our professional attention, specific details of which can be found in the principals' reports. Significant strides have been made in our teaching or reading, we feel, and the administration will continue to encourage and support its development in our schools.

Improvements have been realized not only in staff but in facilities, as well. Since my report of last year, the central office has acquired a new face in the housing of its three previously-separate branches now located in expanded facilities at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. Students in the D-R structural carpentry program completed the renovation which, I feel, makes a most attractive and effective place to conduct the school system's daily business.

I now call your attention to the reports of Philip C. Dyer, Principal, Dighton Elementary School, Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal, Dighton Junior High School, and Marshall Sawyer, Principal, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby respectfully submit my fifth annual report as supervising principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of October 1 at the elementary level was 553. The enrollment at the Kindergarten housed in portable classrooms behind the junior high was 68 and grades 1-5 was 485.

As in the past the school is crowded. Fourth and fifth grades are crowded with class size of up to thirty-seven students.

Curriculum and School Program

The Curriculum Improvement Committee has met weekly on the development of several major new programs for the school. They are working this year on the development of a program for gifted and talented students. During this year this committee will also begin a study which will culminate in a Basic Skills Improvement Program.

Another study committee is continuing the efforts of the Right-to-Read study begun in the 1977-78 school year. A number of modifications have been made to our reading system as a result of this study. Further, the inservice education program for teachers has been devoted primarily to improving teaching skills in reading. As a result of our inservice program, many teachers are conducting a vocabulary development program called "Word Rich Environments" which has proved very effective. With the study of reading and more emphasis being placed on reading and motivation for reading, the school has received many comments from parents indicating children are reading more.

Several teachers have also introduced a Sustained Silent Reading program in their classrooms whereby a period of time is set aside for everyone to read. This practice is also felt to be very effective. There is no doubt in my mind that we have a more effective, efficient reading program since Right-to-Read was instituted.

The federally-funded Title I program has been continued for another year. A Parent Advisory Group called "ZAP" assists in the planning and monitoring of this program. This group sponsored an evening for all parents during American Education Week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

This year a Parent Involvement Program was instituted at the Dighton Elementary School. This group has become an integral part of our instructional program.

Personnel

For the first time there are no new teachers at the Dighton Elementary School. Mrs. Alice Lopresti has returned from a year's leave of absence to work with fourth and fifth grade classrooms. Mrs. Kathryn D'Agata accepted a position as a tutor in the Title I program when Mrs. Lopresti returned.

New instructional aide positions have been provided for first grade and a combination position for fourth and fifth grade. New instructional aides are: Mrs. Linda Roy, Grade 1; Miss Barbara Petrillo, Grade 5; Miss Joyce Faria, Grades 4 and 5; Miss Frederica Atwood, Title I; Mrs. Judith Isaksen and Miss Kathryn Cassidy, Special Services.

The Town of Dighton is fortunate to have a staff which is extremely conscientious and competently services the needs of its students.

The entire support staff in the office, the cafeteria, and the custodians work untiringly, also, contributing to the smooth operation of the school.

Conclusion

I wish to thank Dr. Harrington for his support and interest this year. My thanks to the Dighton School Committee for their encouragement, assistance, and support.

To the entire staff of the elementary school I express my deepest respect and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. DYER,

Principal

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Joseph C. Harrington, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my twelfth annual report as principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of October 1 was 306 students, a decrease of 15 students from last year's enrollment.

Curriculum and School Program

This year our school volunteer program began its third year of service to the school. The significance of this effort can be appreciated by the following facts: During the first three months of this school year, the volunteers tutored 55 different sixth graders. In aggregate time, they contributed 420 hours of work during these three months.

Our volunteers this year are: Mrs. Cheryl Andrews, Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mrs. Irene Bilodeau, Mrs. Roseanne Csta, Mrs. Bette Coughlan, Mrs. Laura Goulart, Mrs. Vera Hjerpe, Mrs. Jane McCarthy, Mrs. Lois Munsell, Mrs. Louisa Richards, Mrs. Anna Rose, Mrs. Carol Russell, Mrs. Doris Smith, Mrs. Caryl Stonstrom, Mrs. Linda Treacy, Mrs. Jeanne Whitmore, Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, Mrs. Elaine Wynn and Mrs. Gail Wood.

The staff and I want to acknowledge this very valuable assistance in working with the Dighton Junior High students by expressing our gratitude to all the volunteers.

While the staff has always emphasized the development of reading skills, this year reading has been given top priority. Our School Committee has endorsed our participation in the Right-to-Read Program. Our staff is actively involved in reading workshops and meetings.

Meanwhile, we feel that there has already been a significant change for the better in the reading habits of our students. Much of this can be attributed to the "Everybody Reads" program reported last year. A similar program at the ele-

mentary school also deserves much credit for fostering this happy state of affairs.

We are exploring the possible implementation of a program for gifted students. While gathering information is our main preoccupation at this time, we have begun an actual program involving several eighth graders. Mr. Salvatore Caiozzo is working with two eighth graders who are studying algebra. Mr. Raymond Medeiros has two eighth graders under his sponsorship who are studying American government.

The success of allowing boys and girls to choose industrial arts or household arts as an elective is very evident to the staff involved, Mr. Wallace Potts and Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings. They report that the enthusiasm of boys participating in household arts and girls working in industrial arts is very gratifying. The high caliber of the work of most of these students testifies to the value of this elective program. Admittedly, recent legislation mandates such a program. However, our staff had initiated changes long before any external threat of compliance existed. Some of this was accomplished through our after-school activities program.

The latter was changed last year from its intramural emphasis in order to encourage a greater variety of offerings. Some of the activities now include typing, Spanish, guitar, candymaking, Math Club, and arts and crafts, in addition to most of the sports activities offered in the past. We hope to be adding other worthwhile activities whenever possible.

Improvement to Building

This past summer the art room was extensively remodeled. This room was originally the auto shop during the days when the building housed the Dighton High School. In addition to counters and shelving, major electrical and plumbing improvements have given this room the potential for a more varied and interesting art program.

Two more rooms were carpeted. Both of these are used primarily by the eighth grade. This type of improvement always has a beneficial effect on the learning atmosphere.

Lighting improvements were made in three rooms, and acoustical ceiling were installed in the same rooms after the electrical work was completed.

Personnel

This year we added one more teacher to our staff while dropping one instructional aide position. These changes all occurred in the Resource Room where Mr. Jesse Perry was appointed to the full-time teaching position.

In grade eight, Ms. Debra Sampson was appointed to fill the instructional aide position.

When our former full-time teacher aide, Mrs. Eleanor Dupont, accepted the position of secretary in the Town Office, the entire teacher aide schedule was revised. With no additional time involved, we now have two full-time and two part-time teacher aides. One of the latter is Mrs. Shirley Veronesi.

Mr. Richard Carney returned to his art teaching duties after a year's leave of absence during which he participated in the graduate program at the University of So. Florida. Mrs. Kathleen Timmins, who ably filled Mr. Carney's position last year, is now teaching art at the Bourne Middle School.

Conclusion

The entire staff and I have enjoyed the cooperation and support of the School Committee and the Superintendent's Office. This very desirable situation has motivated the staff to use their initiative and imagination in continually improving the educational programs at the Dighton Junior High.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,
Principal

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

TO: Dr. Joseph C. Harrington, Superintendent of Schools

I herewith respectfully submit my annual report as Principal of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

Enrollment

The official enrollment of the high school for 1978 was 1,080. This was a decrease of six students compared with the previous years. The 1978-79 school year will also mark the last year that any Berkley students will be attending Dighton-Rehoboth.

Personnel

This year we have nine new members on the staff in the high school. In this group are five full-time teachers, two part-time teachers and two instructional aides.

Mrs. Louise Ring retired as a teacher of Foreign Language after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the teaching profession. Her retirement was well earned. Mrs. Juliette Marcoux has been hired as a part-time teacher of French to replace Mrs. Ring.

Miss Leslie Colaluca and Mrs. Mary Benigni have left from the English Department of the high school. Mr. William Cuthbertson is the new member of the English Department.

Mrs. Susan Krevor resigned after three years of teaching in the Social Studies Department. Mrs. Krevor was replaced by Mr. David Driscoll.

Mr. Daniel Silver, who taught Science at Dighton-Rehoboth, left after a service of two years.

Miss Cynthia Lyman had been hired in 1977 to replace Mrs. Mary Carter while she was on maternity leave and has now left upon Mrs. Carter's return to teaching.

Accepting a maternity leave for the 1978-79 school year was Mrs. Betsy McDermott. Mrs. Patricia Stone has been hired on a part-time basis to replace Mrs. McDermott.

Mr. Thomas O'Malley, a teacher in the Resource Room, resigned in March of 1978 to accept another position. Mr. William Wade was hired to replace Mr. O'Malley.

Mr. Arthur Fiore and Miss Denise Medeiros were hired as Physical Education instructors. Mr. Fiore and Miss Medeiros also serve as coaches in our interscholastic athletic program.

Mrs. Sandra Hayward resigned as an instructional aide in the physical education program to take a full-time position in another school system.

Mrs. Joyce Alper and Mr. David Baptista were hired as instructional aides in the Resource Room. Mr. Michael Suneson resigned as an aide in the Resource Room after serving in the capacity for two years.

Curriculum and School Program

Reading has been given a top priority for this school year and is receiving the attention of all staff members. A full-day workshop on "Reading in the Content Areas" was held in December and another part-day workshop is being considered for later in the school year. A very active Right-to-Read Committee has been organized, and they have been providing leadership in helping to improve reading at the high school level.

Entering ninth graders have been a particular focus of attention this year. A Freshman Parent's night was held in September, and a faculty committee has been meeting to make recommendations to the full faculty on positive programs for freshmen. A final report from this committee will report on an improved program for freshman orientation.

The Physical Education program at the high school has been under scrutiny this year, and the "traditional" physical education program is being phased out and replaced with an elective co-educational program covering the four years of high school.

Conclusion

I am proud of the educational program being offered at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. It has been possible to maintain a program of such high quality only through the efforts of so many dedicated people. The credit for all of this rightly belongs to the teachers, other high school administrators, central office administrators and the members of the regional school committee. All of these people have given unselfishly of their time, and their extra effort has made Dighton-Rehoboth Regional a school that is without equal in this area.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Principal. The support and cooperation that I have received has been truly outstanding, and I am deeply appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL SAWYER,

Principal

CONCLUSION

The major problem with our school system..... has not been solved! Our facilities are not adequate to conduct the programs we currently provide. In addition, there are other programs we should be offering to meet the needs of our student population. A special report covering our facility needs was produced and distributed in February of 1979; therefore, we will not repeat the details in this report. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with our needs and to actively support our requests with involvement on committees and affirmative action during presentations at town meetings. Your support is vital to the facility improvements which must be made!

The twelve months which have elapsed since my last report have been very productive, active months for everyone connected with our schools. We have established objectives to enhance the teaching environment, encouraged active involvement of parents and teachers in the decision-making process, and improved the programs we offer to the children we serve.

I feel the principals' reports show evidence of the heightened level of activity within our schools and the willingness of professional and support staff to give that full measure of support which continuously helps us smooth our daily operation—a support for which I am indeed grateful. The support and extra effort I receive from everyone in the central office, also, is acknowledged and appreciated.

My thanks I also extend to our ever-expanding core of parents who volunteer their valuable time and energies to various school projects and activities. To see persons throughout our community eager to render such valuable service to our students is truly heartwarming and rewarding! My personal thanks to all!

Finally, the time, effort, talent and vigilance of your school committee is instrumental in the success we are achieving. I admire them for their contributions and appreciate their encouragement and support.

As 1978 was drawing to a close, Dighton-Rehoboth lost a valuable, irreplaceable member of the teaching staff. The untimely death of James F. Frates was a shock to his family and friends and a severe loss to the students whom he so capably and enthusiastically served. Mr. Frates made significant contributions as Foreign Language Department Head, teacher of Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German, and National Honor Society Advisor for each of the years he served the students of Dighton and Rehoboth. He is missed but not forgotten!

In closing, may I take this opportunity to extend to you, the public supporters of our school system, an invitation to communicate with me as we need to receive your comments, reactions, and perceptions concerning your schools in order to provide those educational experiences you desire for your children. You need only contact us to establish a date, time and location, bearing in mind we will be happy to come to you if you prefer. Meeting in individuals' homes has proven a productive way to feel the public pulse, with concerns and suggestions followed up with dispatch.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. HARRINGTON, Ed. D.,
Superintendent of Schools

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Dr. Joseph Harrington
Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Dr. Harrington,

I herewith submit my fifteenth report of the health program administered in the Dighton Public Schools for the 1977-78 school year.

Enrollment: 910, Grades Kindergarten through Eight.

Vision Screening:

910 students were tested by Titmus Optical Tester.

35 students failed this test.

21 new referrals were completed.

14 students were under care of an eye specialist.

Audio Screening:

910 students were screened by Maico Audiometer.

13 students failed this test.

6 new referrals were completed.

7 students were under care of an ear specialist.

Physical Examinations:

Pre-school physicals:

68 students entering kindergarten were examined by their own physicians. All immunization requirements were met.

Grades 4, 8, and Athletic Physicals:

235 students were examined by Dr. Charles Souza, School Physician.

5 students were referred to their physicians for further evaluation.

Scoliosis Screening:

337 students in grades five through eight were screened this year for scoliosis.

6 parents were contacted and advised to take their child for further evaluation.

2 students are now under treatment.

2 are being followed by physicians.

This program, in the future, will be part of the regular physical education program, under the supervision of the school nurse.

Tuberculin Screening:

10/3/78 Mantoux Tests were administered to fifty-one school personnel.

10/5/78 All tests were negative.

Immunization Program:

Complete immunization for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella was offered to all Dighton children by the Dighton Board of Health and the Dighton School Department, at clinics held at Dighton Elementary School in March, April and May, 1978.

Results of the clinics follow:

3/10/78 D.P.T.	5
T.D.	44
Polio	91
M.M.R.	25
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Total	165
4/7/78 D.P.T.	8
T.D.	133
Polio	10
M.M.R.	2
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Total	153

5/5/78 D.P.T.	9
T.D.	5
Polio	16
M.M.R.	8
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Total	38

Again, my sincere appreciation to the school personnel, the parents, and the students for making it possible for me to achieve my goals for this school year.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.,
School Nurse

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1978

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

Grade	Enrollment
K	68
1	77
2	102
3	96
4	109
5	101
6	100
7	93
8	113
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TOTAL	859

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

9	121
10	100
11	85
12	98
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TOTAL	404

TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR DIGHTON	1263
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Appropriation		\$1,187,214.00
1000	Administration	\$ 30,991.35
2000	Instruction	722,943.90
3000	Other School Services	75,267.54
4000	Oper. & Maint. of Plant	133,076.28
7000	Fixed Assets	12,481.72
9000	Prog. with Other Dist.	4,650.78
	Vocational Evening Program	127.50
	Kindergarten	26,825.07
	Special Education Program	167,941.31
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		\$1,174,305.45
Returned to Town		12,908.55
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		\$1,187,214.00

NET COST TO TOWN

Expended, 7-1-77 thru 6-30-78		\$1,174,305.45
Receipts, 7-1-77 thru 6-30-78:		
General State Aid, Ch. 70	\$227,106.36	
Transportation, Ch. 71	29,547.00	
Sp. Ed., Ch. 766	139,115.00	
Tuition & Transp., Ch. 765	5,295.34	
Voc. Ed., Ch. 74	69.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	87.97	
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		\$ 401,220.67
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Net Cost to Town		\$ 773,084.78

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DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

Expenditures

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement	\$110,000.00	
State Aid	\$68,335.83	
Appropriation	41,664.17	
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Interest on Bond Expenditures	\$ 10,659.50	

OPERATING COSTS

Item No.

1000 Administration	\$ 45,468.71	
2000 Instruction	1,304,474.81	
3000 Other School Services	213,699.33	
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	227,615.42	
5000 Fixed Charges	104,785.38	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	40,640.44	
9000 Programs with Other Districts	10,891.62	
Special Education Program	98,900.81	
Vocational Day Program	121,331.63	
Evening School Program	1,100.00	
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Receipts

State Reimburse.—Transportation	\$ 58,530.00
Tuitions	89,396.25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Regional School Aid,	
Chapter 71, Sec. 16-D	\$223,757.00
Chapter 766, Special Needs, 71-B	79,055.00
Chapter 74, Sec. 8-A, Vocational	3,849.00
Chapter 74, Sec. 9 and 10, Vocational	70,889.00
Public Welfare Tuition	
and Transportation	3,059.78
School Bldg. Assistance—	
adjustment 4/3/78	44,308.44
Cooperative Productions—B/C-B/S,	
Insurance Reimbursement	3,341.26
Project Good Start—B/C-B/S,	
Insurance Reimbursement	428.53
Title VI-B—B/C-B/S,	
Insurance Reimbursement	70.28
Other	1,569.95
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	\$ 578,254.49

NET OPERATING COSTS \$1,601,313.16
FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education Act

TITLE IV-B, Library & Learning Resources F/Y '77

Balance, July 1, 1977	\$ 1,395.44
Expenditures	1,293.92
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Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 101.52

TITLE IV-B, Library & Learning Resources F/Y '77

Receipts	\$ 2,102.70
Expenditures	none
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Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 2,102.70

TITLE VI-B (#78-076-96L)

Receipts	\$21,562.00
Transfer to Project Good Start	1,300.00
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	20,262.00
Expenditures	18,279.37
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Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 1,982.63

TITLE VI-D (#78-102-05L)

Receipts	\$ 960.00
Expenditures	314.12
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Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 645.88

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY—December 31, 1978
Dighton Elementary School

Name	Education	Appt'd.
Principal		
Philip C. Dyer, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1974
Faculty		
David G. Avila, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Louise C. Borges, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1974
Wendy H. Cute, B.A.	Ohio Wesleyan	1974
Marv M. DeMello, B.S.	Lowell State Teach. Col.	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	Murray State College	1962
Ann M. Emerson, B.A.	Rhode Island College	1975
Jane E. Gonzalski, B.S.	Westfield State College	1975
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Salve Regina College	1965
William F. Kelleher, A.B.	St. Mary's College	1971
Joan LaFrance, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Helen M. Lane, B.S.	New Britain Teachers' Col.	1968
Alice Lopresti, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Carol L. Stafford, B.S.	Roger Williams College	1972
Valerie J. Stares, B.A.	Wheaton College	1974
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1966
Patricia Snee, B.A.	Univ. of Rhode Island	1975
Donna Lee Sunderland, B.S.	So. Conn. State College	1970
Cheryl Szostek, B.A.	Anna Maria College	1970
Susan L. Thomson, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1972
Karen Vatcher, B.A.	University of Massachusetts	1970
Jeffrey B. White, B.S.	University of Bridgeport	1974
Karen Yegidis, B.S.	Rhode Island College	1971
Secretary		
Mary M. Perry		

Dighton Junior High School

Principal		
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty		
Joan L. Broadie, M.Ed.	Wichita State University	1973
Salvatore L. Caiozzo, M.Ed.	Providence College	1970
Richard Carney, B.S.	Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design	1970
George E. Costa, Jr., M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1970
Elizabeth Cummings	Univ. of Rhode Island	1977
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	Rhode Island College	1968
Barbara MacDonald, B.S.	Barrington College	1975

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Name	Education	Appt'd.
John Masciarelli, B.A.	Boston University	1966
James McClellan, B.A.	Providence College	1971
Raymond J. Medeiros, B.A.	Providence College	1969
Elizabeth J. Needs, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1970
John S. Needs, B.A.	University of Mass.	1961
Paula North, M.A.	Western State College	1977
Judith Parker, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1972
Wallace R. Potts, B.S.	Rhode Island College	1966
Thomas M. Sherlock, Jr., M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1971
Louis Silvia, Jr., B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1975
Frederick B. Stinson, Jr., B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1970
David T. Sullivan, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1975
Secretary Marion Parchesco		

Special Education

Sandra Cleveland, B.S.	State Univ. Col. at Geneseo, N.Y.	1974
Ann H. DiDomenico, M.Ed.	University of Maine	1976
Mary Isidorio, B.S.	S. M. U.	1972
Marjorie Johnston, B.A.	University of Rhode Island	1976
Richard Lawson, M.A.	Rhode Island College	1972
Cheryl Mainguy, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College	1977
Jesse Perry, B.S.	Rhode Island College	1978
Valerie Pillarella, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Pamela S. Walton, B.A.	S. M. U.	1973

Music Supervisor

Barbara L. Wallace, B.M.	Boston University	1966
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ESEA Title I

Katherine Curneen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Kathryn L. D'Agata, B.S.	Salem State College	1977
Frederica Atwood, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1978

Instructional Aides

Elaine M. Almeida, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1978
Kathryn A. Cassidy, B.A.	S. M. U.	1978
Karen Castonguay, B.A.	S. M. U.	1977
Joyce M. Faria, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1978
Carol Horton, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Judith Isaksen, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Elizabeth Kent, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Diane Rasmussen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Linda A. Roy, B.A.	S. M. U.	1978
Debra Sampson, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1978
Caryn Sanson, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1976
Linda Sullivan, B.S.	Boston University	1978
Dorothy Torres	Bridgewater State College	1972

Teacher Aides

Eugenia Andrade	Alice Souza
Barbara A. Deane	Shirley Sandner
Della Hathaway	Shirley Veronesi
Virginia Peterson	

Custodians

Elementary	Junior High
Edmond Richard	William G. Raposa
Edward Torres	John White

Cafeteria

Dora Ashley	Jeanne Noons
Carolyn Barboza	Lois B. Pacheco
Nancy M. Carleton	Mary F. Perry
Louise G. Homes, Manager	Thelma Pierce
Mona Harris	Mary Ventura
Barbara Mesrobian	

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Name	Education	Year of Appt.
Principal		
Marshall M. Sawyer, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Assistant Principal		
George H. Petrin, M.Ed.	University of Illinois	1972
Director of Occupational Education		
Francis M. Marcille, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1960
Director of Guidance		
William F. Henry, C.A.G.S.	Boston College	1976
Secretaries		
Sharon H. Araujo, Head Secretary		
Maureen Dutra, Guidance		
Joan E. Jecoy, Principal's Office		
Mildred Sullivan, Principal's Office		
Guidance Staff		
Ellen Carol Cotter, M.Ed.	Boston College	1967
John E. Laffoley, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1969
Jeanne H. Whittemore, M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1974
Librarian		
Alice W. Dunn, A.B.	Wheaton College	1966
Library Instructional Aide		
Jeanne Archard		
Vocational High School		
Nathan Lawrence, Director, Voc. Cert.		
John A. Berger, Voc. Cert.		
Robert B. Bramwell, Voc. Cert.		
Aldo F. Fasolo, Voc. Cert.		
Thurston D. Grant, Voc. Cert.		
Alfred Rose, Voc. Cert.		
Secretary—Voc. H. S.		
Dorothy Rousseau		
Art		
Floyd E. Field, Jr., B.A.	Westfield State College	1974
Mary Louise Watson, B.F.A.	Mass. College of Art	1976

Business

Mary Carter, M.Ed.	Providence College	1970
Marilyn F. Doolittle, B.S.	American International Col.	1974
Celeste Martins, B.S., Dept. Head	Bryant College	1960
Theresa Murphy, B.S.	Bryant College	1972
Milton W. Nachbar, M.Ed.	University of Rhode Island	1964
Edward J. Tartufo, B.A.	Curry College	1970

English

William Cuthbertson, M.Ed.	Springfield College	1978
Jeffrey J. Day, M.Ed.	University of Maine	1975
David M. DeThomas, M.Ed.	Boston College	1967
Francis J. Duart, M.d., Dept. Hd.	Bridgewater State College	1967
Kevin Gaffney, B.A.	Providence College	1976
Lois A. Hubbard, B.A.	University of Mass.	1970
Carol Lindblom, A.B.	Bates College	1968
David A. Marsden, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1965
Edward Martin, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Stephen H. Ohrenberger, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Evelyn A. Rice, M.Ed.	Boston College	1960
Merriam C. Rovito, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Patricia Tummino, B.A.	University of Mass.	1974

Foreign Language

Leon A. Long, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Juliette Marcoux, A.M.	Regis College	1978
Kenneth F. Santos, M.Ed.	Providence College	1972
Christine S. Weydemeyer, M.Ed.	Duke University	1975

Home Economics—Food and Clothing

Emilia S. Goyette, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1972
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Home Economics—Child Care and Development

Carole Goldman, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1974
Judy Purdy, M.Ed.	Columbia University	1977

Industrial Arts

Joseph E. Cousineau, B.A.	Rhode Island College	1965
Kenneth Labonte, Voc. Cert.		1973
Edward G. Ranney, Jr., Voc. Cert.		1973
Arthur F. Tobin, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1965

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Mathematics		
Patricia L. Fay, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1971
Glen A. Field, B.A.	Northeastern University	1973
Joseph Flaherty, M.Ed., Dept. Hd.	Boston College	1969
Suzanne Flaherty, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Michael C. Gendreau, M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1971
Carol Ann Pawlak, B.A.	Brown University	1973
Alan M. Rabouin, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1969
William H. Reynolds, B.S.	University of Mass.	1969
Walter R. Scanlon, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1960
Music		
Andre Descoteaux, B.M.E.	University of Lowell	1976
Robert W. Otto, M.M.E.	University of Hartford	1972
Physical Education		
Arthur Fiore, M.Ed.	Providence College	1978
Denise Medeiros, B.S.	Boston State College	1978
Richard A. Ruggiero, M.Ed.	Providence College	1966
Jane E. Unsworth, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1960
Science		
Judith E. Brown, B.S.	University of Mass.	1977
Joseph R. Drapeau, B.S.	Southeastern Mass. University	1970
Lynn T. Finley, M.Ed.	University of California	1971
Janet M. Foley, M.A.T.	Brown University	1969
David F. Harwood, M.Ed.	Southeastern Mass. University	1970
Theodore Lippold, M.A.T., Dept. Hd.	Oberlin College	1971
Ruth O'Keefe, M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1967
Arthur Thibert, A.B.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Dennis C. White, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State College	1974
Social Studies		
William J. Cute, Jr., B.A.	Ohio Wesleyan University	1973
David Driscoll, B.A.	Boston College	1977
Roger S. Duarte, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Robert F. Ferreira, B.A.	Providence College	1971
Paul Giannakoulis, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1970
William Grover, M.Ed., Dept. Hd.	Boston University	1960
Orin F. Holmes, M.A.T.	Brown University	1969
Karen Ives, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Michael Monaghan, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1972

Name	Education	Year of Appt.
Special Services		
Patricia Connors, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Gail Furtado, B.S.	University of Mass.	1975
Richard Lawson, C.A.G.S.	Rhode Island College	1971
Lauren Petrucelli, M.Ed.	Catholic University	1976
Corinne Pridham, C.A.G.S.	Rhode Island College	1975
Daniel B. Rose, B.S.	Boston State College	1978
William Wade, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1978

Permanent Substitutes

Michael Carreiro, B.A., Sp. Svces.	Providence College	1978
Patricia Stone, A.B., H. Arts	Albion College	1978

Instructional Aides Special Services

Joyce Alper
David Baptista

Teacher Aides

Barbara Horton
Mary Mansfield

Matron

Hazel Fredricksen

Custodians

Frank Cabral	Robert W. Rose
Alvan Constantine, Head Custodian	Larry J. Wilkerson
Nicholas DelSignore	John Zandi, Asst. Head Custodian
Joseph M. Rose	

Maintenance Mechanic

James Varley

Cafeteria

Carol Abrams	Yvonne Boler
Elaine Lee	Louise Cabral
Rose Moitozo	Agnes DelSignore, Manager
Geraldine Pontes	Eila Karppinen
Muriel Quint	Natalie Kirker
Rosa Rose	

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